



Battery Park City Authority

Report to Manhattan Community Board 1 – Battery Park City Committee

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TEACH A KID TO FISH... Participants at our *Go Fish!* event learn the finer points of catch-and-release fishing at Wagner Park on Saturday, May 30, 2026. The session is one of some 600 free public programs offered by BPCA this summer.

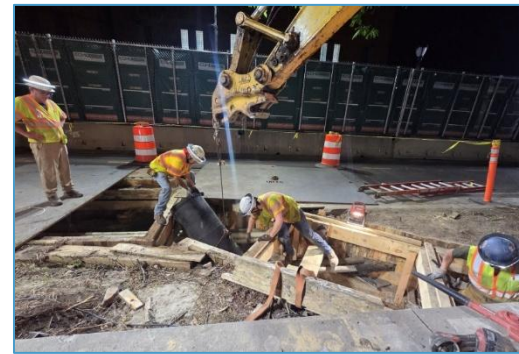
NEIGHBORHOOD & PROJECT UPDATES:

I. North / West Battery Park City Resiliency Project

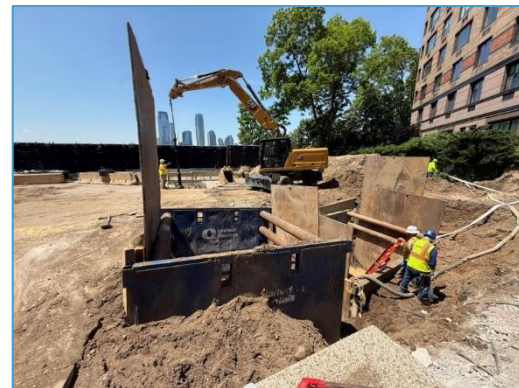
- Site Readiness and Flood Barrier System (FBS) construction underway at:
 - ✓ South Cove
 - Pedestrian Access: Access to the Esplanade available from West Thames and 1st Place
 - 2nd Place, 3rd Place, and South End Avenue access closed through construction
 - ✓ North Cove Marina
 - Pedestrian Access: Access along west side of Brookfield Place closes July 6 through construction
 - Liberty Street access closed through construction
 - Kowsky Playground, Sirius Dog Run, and NYC Police Memorial (except for annual dedications) closed through construction
 - ✓ Albany Street, Rector Place, Chambers Street, Rector Place & Stuyvesant Plaza – Tide Gate Installation; Vesey Street mobilization beginning next month
 - Pedestrian Access:
 - Albany Street – Restored along south side
 - Rector Place – Maintained along south side
 - Chambers Street – Maintained through construction
 - Stuyvesant Plaza – Ped and bicycle access maintained through construction
 - Vesey Street – Maintained through construction
 - ✓ 4th of July / Post 4th of July Access
 - Brookfield Place Exterior / North-South Egress
 - Available until Monday, July 6, when area outside Winter Garden is captured
 - Additional Viewing Areas
 - Construction fencing at Belvedere moved ahead of July 4th Celebration



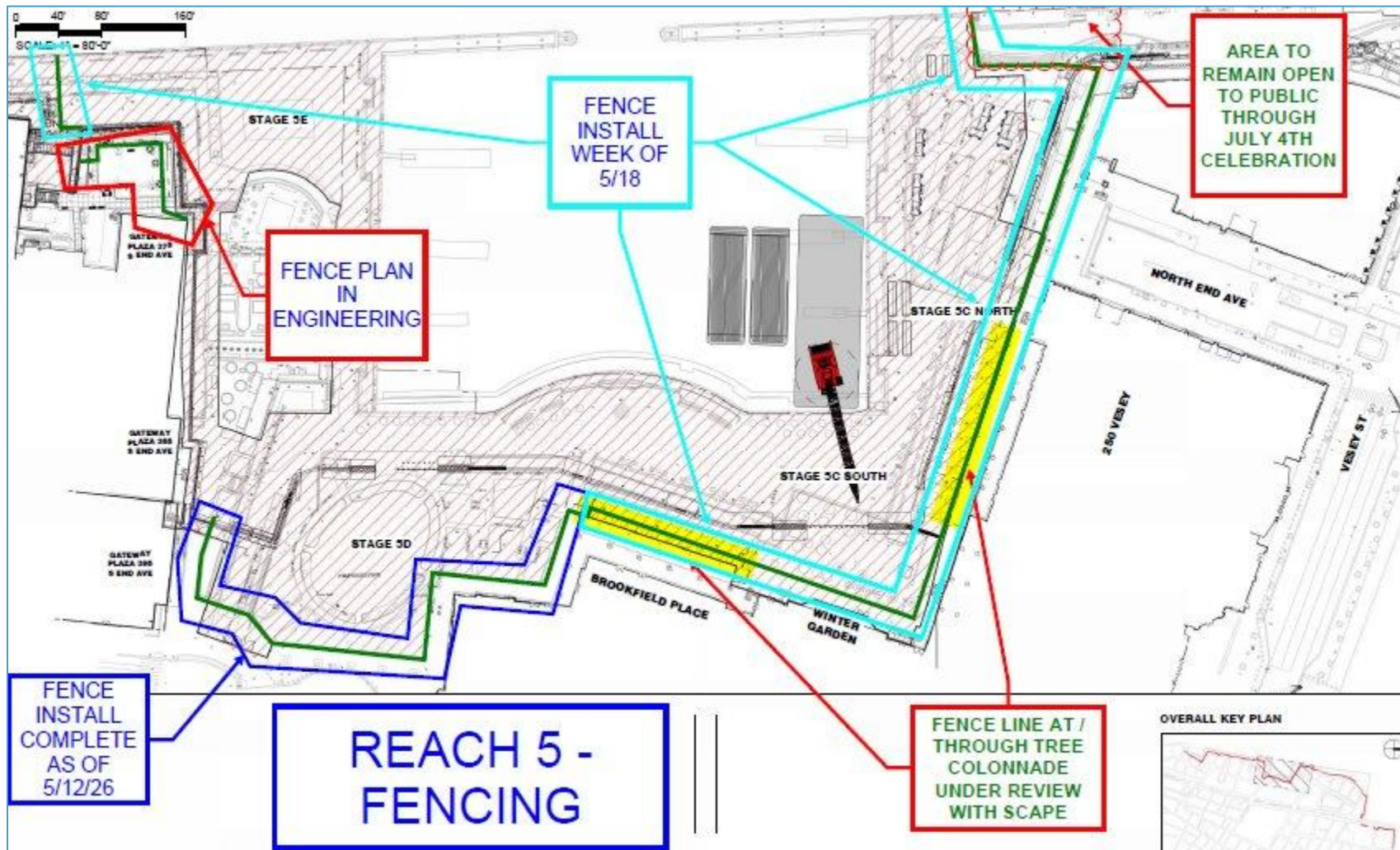
Trench for new ECS ductbank by Winter Garden



Installation of water main in Route 9A (nighttime work)



Test pit to identify subsurface utilities at Recor Place tide gate

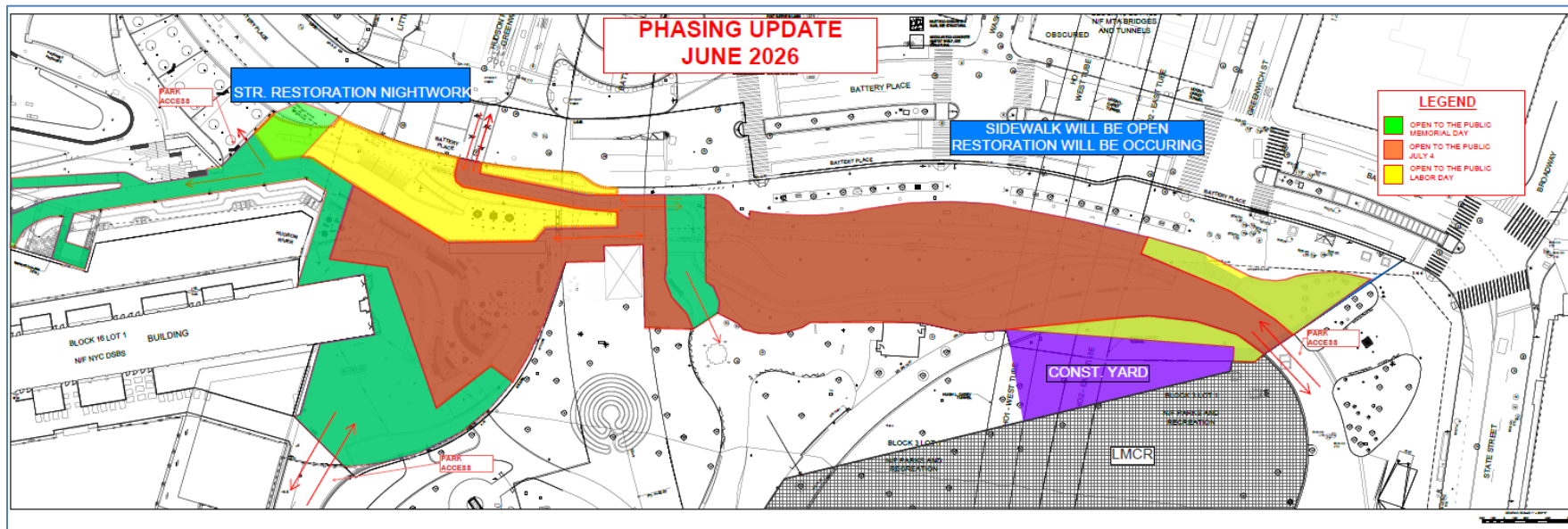


- Twice-Weekly “Drop-In” Sessions:
 - ✓ Tuesdays through June 30, 5-6PM @ 200 Rector Place
 - ✓ Fridays, through June 26, 12-1PM @ 6 River Terrace
 - * No Program 6/19 (Juneteenth)

- [Sign up](#) for our biweekly construction newsletters. Recent issues include:
 - ✓ [N/WBPCR Newsletter – June 1, 2026](#)
 - ✓ [N/WBPCR Newsletter – May 18, 2026](#)
 - ✓ [N/WBPCR Newsletter – May 5, 2026](#)

II. South Battery Park City Resiliency Project

- Substantial completion by end of the summer
- Phased re-opening of Pier A / Battery segment as follows:
 - ✓ Green shaded: Now open
 - ✓ Red-brown shaded: Open July 4, 2026
 - ✓ Yellow shaded: Open Labor Day 2026
- [See tonight’s full presentation here.](#)



III. BPCA’s Summer 2026 Program & Event Guide

- BPCA’s all-free public events this summer – [roughly 600 in all!](#) – is in full swing! Here’s what’s coming up this month.
- Upcoming highlights include:
 - ✓ [Love Always, Impress – Saturday, June 6, 6:30PM @ Wagner Park.](#) In celebration of Pride, **Impress** will ignite the night with their crystalline voice, irresistible melodies, and awe-inspiring dance-fueled reverie driven by the irresistible pulse of pure pop. Shed your inhibitions and ride an unstoppable wave of euphoria.



- ✓ [BPC Repair Fest – Sunday, June 7, 10AM-1PM, 6 River Terrace](#). Roll up your sleeves and give your injured items a second life! With expert coaches guiding jewelry fixes, sewing and textile mending, small appliances repair, and more, you’ll learn new skills, save some money, and keep waste out of the landfill. Bring a grocery bag and stop by the [BPC Farmers Market](#).*

* **COMMUNITY REMINDER:** River Terrace will be closed to vehicle traffic from Murray Street to North End Avenue from 7AM-4PM on Sundays through November 22.

- ✓ [FIFA World Cup Watch Party: USA v. Paraguay – Friday, June 12, 8PM @ Wagner Park](#). Come cheer on the United States men’s national team as they face Paraguay in their opening Group Stage match at World Cup 2026! Experience the energy with fellow fans and cheer every goal together when the world’s game comes home this summer!

- ✓ [Juneteenth Celebration – Friday, June 19, 11:30AM @ Rockefeller Park](#). Celebrate Juneteenth, Emancipation Day, with the [Federation of Black Cowboys](#) as they share history, horsemanship and riding. (Must be 3 years old or older for pony ride). Enjoy a dance workshop on hip hop and soul line dancing with [Go Hard Dancers](#).

- ✓ [Swedish Midsummer Festival – Saturday, June 20, 4-9PM @ Rockefeller Park](#). An annual celebration of the summer solstice with traditional music by [Paul Dahlin](#) with fiddlers from the [American Swedish Institute](#). Dances around the Midsummer pole led by Scandinavian folklorist [Ross Sutter](#). Make a floral crown, enjoy Swedish delicacies, and more!

- ✓ [BPC Community Field Day – Friday, June 26, 1PM @ Rockefeller Park](#). School’s out for the summer! Families are invited to take part in field games, water play, and our annual tug-of-war with their favorite coaches from [BPCA](#) & [Asphalt Green](#). Plus: A special drumming performance by [Maguette Camara](#).



- ✓ [Pollinator Week Bioblitz – Saturday, June 27, 1PM @ Wagner Park](#). Join BPCA horticulturists and pollinator expert Jay Holmes of the American Museum of Natural History to collect valuable data on the biodiversity of our parks. Come prepared with the [iNaturalist app](#), or learn how to make observations in the garden. Dress for working outside. RSVP at registration@bpca.ny.gov.



- ✓ [Sail 4th 250: International Parade of Sail – Saturday, July 4, 7:30AM-3PM, BPC Esplanade](#). To celebrate America’s 250th birthday on July 4, the largest fleet of the world’s most magnificent tall ships, Navy Grey Hull Ships, and aircraft will sail into New York Harbor for an International Naval Review. For full details on the Sail 4th 250 event please visit Sail4th.org.



Large Public Viewing Areas:

- Wagner Park – Family friendly open space with waterfront views in southernmost portion of Battery Park City. BPCA will run cooling center from the Pavilion Classroom.
 - Rockefeller Park – Family friendly open space with access waterfront view in northernmost portion of BPC. The Authority to open Rockefeller Park House to distribute and monitor lawn games/toys.
- ✓ [River & Blues – Thursdays July 9, 16, 23 and 30 @ Wagner Park](#). Battery Park City’s celebrated outdoor summer concert series, returns on **Thursdays in July**, bringing world-class blues music to the waterfront. This year will feature Rebirth Brass Band, The War and Treaty, Allen Stone, and Amelia Day.

- [See the full CB1 BPC Committee presentation here](#) (May 2026)

IV. 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
5 Pangolin, LLC (Outside Tonight)	Outdoor Filming	Thu., 6/11, 2PM-10AM	140	N/A	<i>Outside Tonight</i> is a late-night web series to be filmed in outdoor spaces around New York City this summer featuring celebrity interviews, audience games, and more. Wagner Park open to public throughout.

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

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
Graffiti	0	1
Homeless	36	18
Lost / Found Property	2	2
Park Rules	1	4
Vendor / Solicitor	5	4
Dogs	11	31

