

LATEST INITIATIVES

Following a spate of bloodshed in the borough, including nine people shot at a party in East New York, Borough President Adams launched a weeklong awareness campaign on Monday, August 3rd. Along with anti-violence advocates, he staged a coffin outside Brooklyn Borough Hall, resulting in thousands of onlookers viewing their reflection from a mirror inside the open casket, alongside provocative imagery of victims and the message, "These people didn't have to die this way. Neither should you." The campaign raised attention for his "Take Five to Stay Alive" plan of action, which asks New Yorkers to help reduce the impact of gun violence in their community; his steps include ending the "stop snitching" culture, searching one's surroundings for guns and gun paraphernalia, pushing for state and federal legislation to cut off the "iron pipeline" and increase gun safety measures, and calling for the City to make a \$10 million emergency infusion of funds to support on-the-ground organizations doing critical anti-violence work.

On Wednesday, August 12th, Borough President Adams signed a sister city agreement

between Brooklyn and the Üsküdar district of Istanbul, the largest city in Turkey, in a ceremony held at a cultural center in Üsküdar's Bağlarbaşı Cultural Complex. The establishment of this exchange, intended to further collaboration in cultural, economic, educational, and municipal affairs, was a highlight of his five-day visit to Turkey, organized to help advance cultural exchange and transatlantic commerce with Brooklyn. During the trip, he met with local leaders in Istanbul and the central Anatolian region of the country to discuss Brooklyn tourism, relationships between young people of different cultures through digital platforms, as well as strategies to battle terrorism and radicalization. The borough has a growing Turkish population, with significant populations in Brighton Beach, Midwood, and Sheepshead Bay.

"Culture is what makes Brooklyn; our diversity, our creativity, and our unique blend of lifestyles have birthed a quality-of-life that is second-to-none." Borough President Adams made those remarks at the announcement of the cultural institutions and libraries compo-

nents of his \$8.8 million capital budget plan on Wednesday, August 19th. He made the announcement at STREB Lab for Action Mechanics (SLAM), a school in Williamsburg that teaches disciplines for adults and youth, including acrobatics, dance, trampoline, and trapeze arts; the location received \$250,000 in funding for renovations that will allow for expanded and enhanced public usage and programming. The greatest allocation was made to the Brooklyn Public Library, which received \$3,225,000 to fund much-needed upgrades to six of the borough's in-need branches.

Borough President Adams unveiled his \$3.3 million capital budget plan on Thursday, August 20th to construct and preserve hundreds of affordable housing units across Brooklyn. He shared the news outside 442 Logan Street, an affordable housing development in East New York owned and managed by Mutual Housing Association of New York, Inc. (MHANY), which will receive part of a \$500,000 allocation in funding for needed renovations to 77 total units.

Borough President Adams joined T.E.A.L. CEO Pamela Esposito-Emery as well as Council Members Laurie A. Cumbo and Rafael I. Espinal, Jr., along with a score of local advocates, to kick off Brooklyn's observance of Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month in the rotunda of Brooklyn Borough Hall. Photo Credit: Stefan Ringel/Brooklyn BP's Office



BROOKLYN BOROUGH PRESIDENT ERIC L. ADAMS' MESSAGE OF THE MONTH



WHAT'S UP AT BROOKLYN BOROUGH HALL?

Looking for a job over the holiday season? Borough President Adams and Kings Plaza Shopping Center are hosting an employment assessment and recruitment fair at the mall on Thursday, September 17th from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

Welcome to Book-lyn! The Brooklyn Book Festival's tenth anniversary is on Sunday, September 20th, and a range of activities and locations can be found at www.brooklynbookfestival.org. As part of the events, Borough President Adams will be speaking on a panel titled "New York Review of Books Presents: Civil Rights & Policing" at 11:00 AM in the moot courtroom of Brooklyn Law School.

Take the "A" train - or any other mode of transportation - to Brooklyn Borough Hall on Wednesday, September 23rd from 1:00

UPCOMING EVENTS

PM until 3:00 PM to apply for a reduced-fare Metrocard. New York City Transit representatives will be on hand to assist seniors and those with qualifying disabilities to obtain this important service.

The Autumn Moon Festival is a highlight of Chinese culture, and Borough President Adams invites you to celebrate with him on Saturday, September 26th from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM at Pier 1 of Brooklyn Bridge Park. Traditional food and performances will be featured, along with a children's lantern parade and calligraphy demonstrations.

The Antic is back! On Sunday, September 27th, Borough President Adams is joining the Atlantic Avenue Local Development Corporation to host the 41st annual Atlantic Antic, the largest street festival in New York City; the festivities will stretch from Hicks Street to Fourth Avenue.

Get your "om" on, Brooklyn! To further the wellness of Brooklynites, Borough President Adams is hosting his second annual Yoga Day on Monday, September 28th at Brooklyn Borough Hall. Events will include yoga, guided meditation, tai chi, Zumba, and more.

¡Viva la cultura Latina en Brooklyn! In partnership with the Brooklyn (Kings County) Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Ponce de Leon Federal Bank, Borough President Adams will present his Latino Heritage Celebraton on Tuesday, September 29th from 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM at Brooklyn Borough Hall.

If you have an interest in any of these events, please contact us by e-mailing askeric@brooklynbp.nyc.gov. Additionally, to stay up-to-date with the office, visit www.brooklyn-usa.org to sign up for Borough President Adams' paperless notifications, like his Facebook page, and follow @BPEricAdams on Twitter.

Wingate Park is the hot summer spot for cool entertainment and free fun in Central Brooklyn! Borough President Adams hosted New Yorkers of all ages at the 2015 Martin Luther King Jr. Concert Series, the 33rd season of weekly performances held in East Flatbush, beginning on Monday, July 27th with Morris Day and the Time. The Annual Gospel Night was on Monday, August 3rd, with performances by Ricky Dillard & New G, Mike Willis & The Called, and the Christian Cultural Center Choir. On Monday, August 10th, VP Records Presents Reggae Night included Freddie McGregor, Christopher Martin, New Kingston, and Ikaya. Old School Night closed out the series on Monday, August 17th with Doug E. Fresh, Kurtis Blow, and Special Ed.

International Day of Friendship is celebrated around the world, as countries partake in a variety of events to promote peace and unity. Nearly one million Brooklynites were born abroad and 47% of the borough speaks a language other than English at home. On Sunday, August 2nd, Borough President Adams hosted his second annual International Day of Friendship celebration, starting with a Unity Parade of Flags, featuring the colors of all the member states of the United Nations, from the Brooklyn Bridge to Cadman Plaza Park. Hundreds of participants and patrons also enjoyed an array of cultural performances, highlighting the artistic expression of various nations, as well as complimentary tastes of global cuisine.

When Brooklyn 'greens' it, it means it! The Greenest Block in Brooklyn contest is a great legacy that Borough President Adams is proud to continue in the borough alongside Brooklyn Botanic Garden, getting Brooklynites closer with their neighbors and beautifying communities along the way. On Tuesday, August 3rd, he joined GreenBridge, the community environmental horticulture program of Brooklyn Botanic Garden, to announce the winners of the 21st annual competition, including Bainbridge Street between Malcolm X Boulevard and Stuyvesant Avenue in Bedford-Stuyvesant, which took top honors for residential blocks.

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Borough President Adams hit the grill to flip some burgers with members of the NYPD's 84th Precinct at the National Night Out celebration at Brooklyn Bridge Park in Brooklyn Heights. Photo Credit: Stefan Ringel/Brooklyn BP's Office



Borough President Adams congratulated Wayne Algenio as the winner of the first annual Golden Krust Caribbean Bakery & Grill National Jamaican Patty Eating Contest, which he hosted at the Brooklyn Museum in Prospect Heights. Photo Credit: Jesus Marshall/Brooklyn BP's Office



Borough President Adams and Della Ellis, a resident of Downtown Brooklyn recovering from an addiction to K2, held up a poster displaying examples of colorful packaging used to wrap the drug at a press conference in Brooklyn Borough Hall, where he issued a call to action to address synthetic marijuana's impact on public health and safety. Photo Credit: Ron Ricardo/Brooklyn BP's Office



Borough President Adams, joined by local hip-hop legends and music fans, presented a citation to Kurtis Blow, one of the first commercially successful rappers, during Old School Night at the 2015 Martin Luther King Jr. Concert Series, which he hosted at Wingate Park in East Flatbush. Photo Credit: Stefan Ringel/Brooklyn BP's Office

Happy National Night Out, Brooklyn!

Tuesday, August 3rd marked the 32nd year of the effort to bridge police and communities throughout America. Borough President Adams, a 22-year veteran of the New York City Police Department, took part in celebrations across the borough; events he visited included the 76th Precinct's in Red Hook's Coffey Park, the 83rd Precinct's in Bushwick's Maria Hernandez Park, the 84th Precinct's in Brooklyn Heights's Brooklyn Bridge Park, the 88th Precinct's in Fort Greene's Fort Greene Park, the 90th Precinct's in Williamsburg's Roberto Clemente Park, and the 94th Precinct's on Lorimer Street in Greenpoint.

On Thursday, August 6th, Borough President Adams joined the New York City Department of Design and Construction and the Mayor's Office of Contract Services to host a Construction Contractors' Open House at Brooklyn Borough Hall. The networking event for locally-based construction contractors and subcontractors was designed to highlight new contracting processes and procedures to assist in creating greater diversity and opportunity for businesses in the borough.

In advance of the start of the school year, Borough President Adams proudly partnered with Kings Plaza Shopping Center in Mill Basin on Wednesday, August 19th to distribute over 1,500 new backpacks to hundreds of in-need students across the borough. The bags also contained various school supplies to get children ready for work in the classroom.

According to the New York City Department of City Planning, Brooklyn has the largest population of people 65 and older in the city, which is projected to grow to 410,000 seniors in 2030, up 45 percent from 2000. He continued his focus on the borough's elders when he hosted about 400 senior citizens for his second annual Senior Day, celebrated at Kingsborough Community College in Manhattan Beach on Wednesday, August 26th under the theme of "Seniors by the Sea." Those in attendance enjoyed lunch, dancing, an interactive photo booth, and a spirited round of Brooklyn trivia conducted by Borough President Adams. Attendees left with copies of his "Cut the Salt, Curb the Sugar" cookbook as well as a

bookmark outlining the "5@55" essential legal documents for seniors.

¡Viva la cultura Dominicana en Brooklyn! Borough President Adams served as Grand Marshal for the 15th annual Brooklyn Dominican Parade and Festival on Sunday, August 30th, an event attended by hundreds along Graham Avenue in Williamsburg. In advance of the celebration, he raised the Dominican flag over Brooklyn Borough Hall to commemorate the importance of the culture to Brooklyn's greater diversity.

The Jamaican patty is to Labor Day what the hot dog is to the Fourth of July. To expand Brooklyn's celebration of Caribbean culture and highlight one of New York City's most popular street foods, Borough President Adams launched the first annual Golden Krust Caribbean Bakery & Grill National Jamaican Patty Eating Contest on Sunday, September 6th at the Brooklyn Museum in Prospect Heights. Wayne Algenio of Jamaica (Queens!), who consumed a winning 7 1/3 Jamaican patties in five minutes, received a trophy and Golden Krust gift certificates as prizes.

COMMUNITY ALERTS

The use of K2, or synthetic marijuana, has been on the rise, particularly in Central Brooklyn; Woodhull Medical and Mental Health Center in Bedford-Stuyvesant has recently seen a spike of three to six related emergency room visits a day. On Tuesday, August 25th, Borough President Adams sounded the alarm to the public alongside Della Ellis, a resident of Downtown Brooklyn recovering from an addiction to K2, and issued a multi-level legislative call to action to address this public health crisis. Males have accounted for 90% of citywide visits to emergency rooms, with the median age of patients being 37 years old. K2 has been sold in bodegas, smoke shops, and online for less than ten dollars a packet, wrapped in colorful packaging that may refer to it by one of its other many street names. Effects of usage include, but are not limited to, anxiety, hallucinations, high blood pressure, increased heart rate, loss of consciousness, paranoia, sedation, seizures, and vomiting; craving and withdrawal are additional risks for regular users. Those seeking more information on K2 can visit nyc.gov/doh.

People dressed in costumes as popular children's characters, including Disney and Marvel favorites, have become an increasingly common feature in tourist centers like Times Square and, more recently, the Riegelmann Boardwalk in Coney Island. Local residents and small business owners alike have expressed concerns that some have used aggressive and harassing panhandling tactics to get tips from potential photo opportunities. Expressing public safety and quality-of-life concerns, Borough President Adams announced on Wednesday, August 26th that he will be working with City Hall and area lawmakers on a working group to look into the public performer issue in Coney Island.

Ovarian cancer is the 5th leading cause of cancer-related death amongst women and the deadliest of all gynecologic cancers. In an effort to raise awareness, Borough President Adams kicked off Brooklyn's observance of Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month on Thursday, September 3rd. The launch, which took place during his cancer awareness expo that offered resources, support, and

information to Brooklynites, included the announcement that Brooklyn Borough Hall will be lit the color teal through Saturday, September 12th, the date of the annual Brooklyn T.E.A.L. Walk/Run organized by Tell Every Amazing Lady about Ovarian Cancer Louisa M. McGregor Ovarian Cancer Foundation (T.E.A.L.), a Brooklyn-based grassroots organization. The most common symptoms of ovarian cancer are bloating, pelvic or abdominal pain, trouble eating or feeling full quickly, and urinary symptoms like urgency or frequency. More information on ovarian cancer is available at tealwalk.org.



Our Constituent Assistance Center is here to serve all of Brooklyn. If you or someone you know are having any issues, or if you have questions about issues like alternate side parking, sidewalk pickup or other community matters, such as the matters in this month's update, call the Center at (718) 802-3777.