

LATEST INITIATIVES

“When it comes to Brooklyn’s highways and byways, my focus is ‘safety first.’” Those were the words of Borough President Adams on Friday, September 18th as he unveiled his \$1 million plan for redesigning dangerous intersections in the borough, as part of his CROSS (Connecting Residents on Safer Streets) Brooklyn initiative to improve street safety for vulnerable pedestrians. The announcement took place at the intersection of Nostrand Avenue and Avenue Z in Sheepshead Bay, where 52-year-old Carol Carboni was fatally struck by a car last month and where there were nine crashes with deaths or serious injuries in the last year; that location, situated near Sheepshead Playground and P.S. 52 Sheepshead Bay, will have two new sidewalk extensions on the northeast and southwest corners of the crossing. Additional intersections have been targeted by Borough President Adams’s initiative in Borough Park, East Flatbush, and Prospect-Lefferts Gardens.

On Friday, September 25th, Borough President Adams convened the first meeting of the Brooklyn Task Force on Early Childhood Development, aimed at promoting the healthy growth of Brooklynites ages zero to three, along with their

families, as well as helping to expand existing evidence-based development programs and bring new programs to children and families across the borough. In the months ahead, the task force will be working on making policy recommendations that address family risk factors for adversity that can impair early childhood development, such as illiteracy, mental illness, and poverty. Borough President Adams is co-chairing the task force with State Senator Daniel Squadron, and the Parent-Child Home Program, a social services organization providing home-based literacy education and parenting support for underserved families, is serving as lead partner. The effort will also involve the creation of a resource guide for evidence-based early childhood development programs available in Brooklyn.

Following months of public dialogue, Borough President Adams joined Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer and civil rights attorney Norman Siegel in unveiling a report on Tuesday, September 29th with recommendations for improving police-community relations. The findings in “Improving Police-Community Relations” are taken from feedback gathered

from over a thousand New Yorkers at a series of community forums they convened in both boroughs, as well as four digital dialogues hosted by Borough President Adams with students across Brooklyn, connecting over Google Hangout. In the days following the report’s release, the NYPD independently announced efforts to adopt one of its recommendations, the enhancement of their officers’ training in conflict de-escalation. Those interested in viewing the report are invited to visit brooklyn-usa.org.

Focusing on STEM education and technology initiatives, Borough President Adams announced over \$13 million from his Fiscal Year 2016 funds invested in 70 schools throughout Brooklyn; the figure represents the largest apportionment of his capital budget. He made the announcement inside the auditorium of PS 193 Gil Hodges in Midwood, which is set to receive a \$250,000 allocation to outfit their STEM/Technology Exploration/Demonstration Lab, a multidisciplinary learning space for a diverse student population where 25 percent of students do not speak English as their first language.



Borough President Adams joined family members of Brooklynites lost in the terror attack on September 11th, 2001 in placing a wreath in their memory outside Brooklyn Borough Hall, as part of his inaugural 9/11 remembrance ceremony.

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



WHAT'S UP AT BROOKLYN BOROUGH HALL?

Labor Day in Brooklyn is more than the unofficial end of summer, more than the last stretch before the school year starts, and even more than a celebration of the borough’s second-to-none workforce. On Monday, September 7th, Borough President Adams marched in the 48th annual West Indian American Day Carnival, a parade down Eastern Parkway that attracts over a million people to celebrate the borough’s Caribbean heritage.

This year marked the first-ever 9/11 remembrance ceremony in the rotunda of Brooklyn Borough Hall, bringing together the families of victims and fallen heroes with citywide leaders and local residents. The event, commemorating the fourteenth anniversary of the attack on the

World Trade Center, was hosted by Borough President Adams on Wednesday, September 9th, and featured interfaith prayer, readings and tributes by surviving family members, and selections from the Brooklyn Conservatory of Music; Borough President Adams also used the occasion to share his experience serving in the NYPD at the time of the terror attack.

Here in Brooklyn, “we’ve got the BEAT!” As part of his ongoing celebration of the arts, Borough President Adams was proud to host a performance of dancehall choreographer Blacka Di Danca in the rotunda of Brooklyn Borough Hall on Wednesday, September 16th as part of the BEAT Festival, a borough-wide exhibition of contemporary performing arts in non-traditional spaces.

Borough President Adams joined with Kings Plaza Shopping Center on Thursday, September 17th for an employment assessment and recruitment fair. The hiring event connected qualified applicants with seasonal retail positions at the mall.

In partnership with Council Member Laurie A. Cumbo and Save Our Streets (S.O.S.) Brooklyn of the Crown Heights Mediation Center, Borough President Adams led the Peace over Violence March on Thursday, September 17th in response to ongoing gun violence in central Brooklyn. The prayer walk began at the corner of Kingston Avenue and Eastern Parkway, finishing at the Ebbets Field Apartments.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAYS, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall
Brooklyn Crochets for a Cause!
(Organ Donation Awareness)

2ND WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
2:00 PM-5:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall – Room G-80
Access to Legal Service – Foreclosure
Intervention/Prevention Services

2ND AND 4TH THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH, 2:00 PM-5:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall – Room G-80
Access to Legal Service – Elder Law/Housing
Law/Pension Law Services

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8TH
6:00 PM-9:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall
Italian-American Heritage Celebration

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH
10:00 AM-5:00 PM
Fulton Street between Brooklyn and New York Avenues
Bed-Stuy Alive! Kick-Off Festival

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH
6:00 PM-8:30 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall
Contractor Resource Summit

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16TH
8:30 AM-10:00 AM
Brooklyn Law School
Red Tape Commission Brooklyn Hearing for
Business Owners and Entrepreneurs

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH
12:00 PM-6:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall
Festival del Mole

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH
10:00 AM-1:00 PM
Prospect Park – The Nethermead
Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of Brooklyn

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH
2:30 PM-5:30 PM
Manhattan Side of Brooklyn Bridge
(Meeting location for Walk)
Brooklyn Youth Sports Walk & Expo

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27TH
6:00 PM-8:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall – Courtroom
Building Bridges for Small Businesses

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH
1:00 PM-3:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall – Community Room
Reduced Fare MetroCard Services

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29TH
10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall – Courtroom
Restoration Nation

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30TH
9:00 AM-2:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall
Surviving and Thriving
(Domestic Violence Awareness Month)

If you have an interest in any of these events, please contact us by visiting brooklyn-usa.org or by calling our event hotline at (718) 802-2328. Additionally, to stay up-to-date with the office, visit brooklyn-usa.org to sign up for Borough President Adams’ paperless notifications, like his Facebook page, and follow @BPEricAdams on Twitter.



Borough President Adams, holding American and Chinese flags, marched with hundreds of local youth and families during a children's lantern parade around Brooklyn Bridge Park as part of his inaugural Autumn Moon Festival celebration. Photo Credit: Stefan Ringel/Brooklyn BP's Office



Borough President Adams practiced yoga with students from PS 196 Ten Eyck in East Williamsburg as part of his celebration of National Yoga Month in Brooklyn Borough Hall. Photo Credit: Stefan Ringel/Brooklyn BP's Office



Borough President Adams joined street safety advocates, community leaders, and dozens of local youth at Nostrand Avenue and Avenue Z in Sheepshead Bay to celebrate his \$1 million plan for redesigning dangerous intersections in the borough. Photo Credit: Stefan Ringel/Brooklyn BP's Office



Borough President Adams joined students from PS 193 Gil Hodges in raising up an oversized check in the amount of \$13,314,000, made out to "One Brooklyn," for STEM education; he visited their school to announce the investment from his Fiscal Year 2016 funds in 70 schools throughout the borough.

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Welcome to Book-lyn! The Brooklyn Book Festival's tenth anniversary was held on Sunday, September 20th, bringing tens of thousands of book-lovers at locations around Downtown Brooklyn. As part of the celebration of the city's largest free literary event, Borough President Adams spoke on a panel titled "New York Review of Books Presents: Civil Rights & Policing" with novelist Darryl Pinckney and Laurie Robinson, co-chair of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing.

From Monday, September 21st to Sunday, September 27th, Borough President Adams hosted an international traveling exhibit in the courtroom of Brooklyn Borough Hall, presented by the American Bar Association in partnership with the Library of Congress and its Law Library, that commemorated the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta; the charter issued by King John of England established for the first time the principle that every person was

subject to the law, as well as other concepts embraced by the Founding Fathers in the Bill of Rights.

The Autumn Moon Festival is a highlight of Chinese and Vietnamese culture, and Borough President Adams joined the Sino America New York Brooklyn Archway Association and the World Overseas Fujianese Cultural Exchange Association on Saturday, September 26th in hosting hundreds of local children and families for his inaugural celebration at Pier 1 of Brooklyn Bridge Park. Traditional mooncakes and cultural performances were featured, along with calligraphy demonstrations and a children's lantern parade around the perimeter of the pier.

The Antic was back and better than ever! On Sunday, September 27th, Borough President Adams joined the Atlantic Avenue Local Development Corporation to host the 41st annual Atlantic Antic, the largest street festival in New York City; the festivi-

ties stretched from Hicks Street to Fourth Avenue.

Get your "om" on, Brooklyn! To promote the inner wellness of Brooklynites, Borough President Adams practiced yoga with students from PS 196 Ten Eyck in East Williamsburg as part of his second annual celebration of National Yoga Month. The daylong gathering in Brooklyn Borough Hall, sponsored by the Sonima Foundation, featured classes and demonstrations of yoga and related holistic living disciplines, such as meditation and tai chi.

¡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 presented his Latino Heritage Celebration on Tuesday, September 29th in Brooklyn Borough Hall. The event, which honored a range of Latino leaders in the borough, was highlighted by cultural performances and traditional cuisine.

Violence around major social events has long been a concern for New York City, especially during the summer months when young people stay out at later hours; there were fourteen senseless shootings at barbecues and parties on Fourth of July weekend this year alone. In the wake of four shooting incidents occurring around the celebration of J'Ouvert, a cultural tradition that leads into Carnival festivities in the Caribbean and on Eastern Parkway, Borough President Adams convened an emergency meeting on Thursday, September 10th. The gathering, which included NYPD leadership, local elected officials, community stakeholders, and J'Ouvert organizers, focused on evaluating the components of the various nighttime events as currently constituted and beginning to explore creative solutions that prioritize safety while preserving culture. In the coming weeks, Borough President Adams will organize a task force to examine parades and large-scale festivals borough-wide in order to establish and share best practices on safety and logistics.

More than half of the shooting incidents this year in north Brooklyn have been gang-related. Understanding this trend, highlighted by recent high-profile incidents at Ingersoll Houses in Fort Greene and Ebbets Field Apartments in Crown Heights, Borough

COMMUNITY ALERTS

President Adams held a community briefing on gang behavior in the courtroom of Brooklyn Borough Hall on Wednesday, September 23rd. Representatives from the New York City Police Department, Department of Corrections, and Department of Probation were present to educate local stakeholders on recognizing early signs of gang involvement, understanding key details about gang culture, and knowing what to do if one suspects their loved one is involved with a gang. Anyone interested in viewing the briefing can visit Borough President Adams's YouTube channel, accessible via brooklyn-usa.org.

On Monday, September 28th, the New York City Economic Development Corporation (EDC) held an Environmental Impact Study Scoping Hearing in the courtroom of Brooklyn Borough Hall for Mayor Bill de Blasio's citywide ferry plan. Borough President Adams submitted testimony that stressed the need for integration into the Metropolitan Transit Authority's (MTA) next generation payment system, as well as the provision of free transfers in the short-term, in order to "generate ridership and effectively [connect] the City's transit networks." Additionally, he called on the City to work with EDC to give greater consideration to the need for better community access to ferry landings, particularly in Red Hook, and for future service to be considered

at sites in Canarsie, Coney Island, Marine Park, Sheepshead Bay, and Sunset Park. Those interested in reading Borough President Adams's testimony can visit brooklyn-usa.org.

Borough President Adams released English and Spanish versions of the Brooklyn Parent Guide to Public Education, a handbook compiled to help Brooklyn parents navigate City resources for students, on Thursday, October 1st. The guide addresses important educational issues such as pre-K enrollment, high school admissions, career and technical schools, special education, and charter schools. It also provides contact information for various offices in the New York City Department of Education as well as Community Education Councils representing families Brooklyn and citywide. Both versions of the guide can be found on Borough President Adams's website, brooklyn-usa.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 concerns, such as the matters in this month's update, call the Center at (718) 802-3777.