

LATEST INITIATIVES

Borough President Adams led hundreds of young athletes in their sports gear and team uniforms, along with their parents and coaches, in a march across the Brooklyn Bridge on Sunday, October 18th as he called for greater city access to safe spaces for play. He used the occasion to renew his call for the New York City Department of Education (DOE) to open up public schools to all groups seeking to use the space for positive youth and community development outside of school hours. Borough President Adams noted that New York City has 1454 public school buildings, with 441 in the borough of Brooklyn alone, and that the structures are left vacant or are unreachable during non-school hours due to schools charging hundreds of dollars an hour to utilize space. Following the march, participants from dozens of local teams gathered at a youth sports expo at Brooklyn Borough Hall, offering resources for families and giveaways for local athletic events.

On Thursday, October 22nd, Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams unveiled over \$5 million in capital funding from his Fiscal Year 2016

budget that he is investing in advancing economic development across Brooklyn, including initiatives to further job creation and workforce training. He made the announcement at Sahadi's, a multi-generationally owned Middle Eastern grocery store in Brooklyn Heights on Atlantic Avenue, which will benefit from a \$35,000 allocation for new wayfinding signs to promote small business tourism between Brooklyn Bridge Park and Barclays Center.

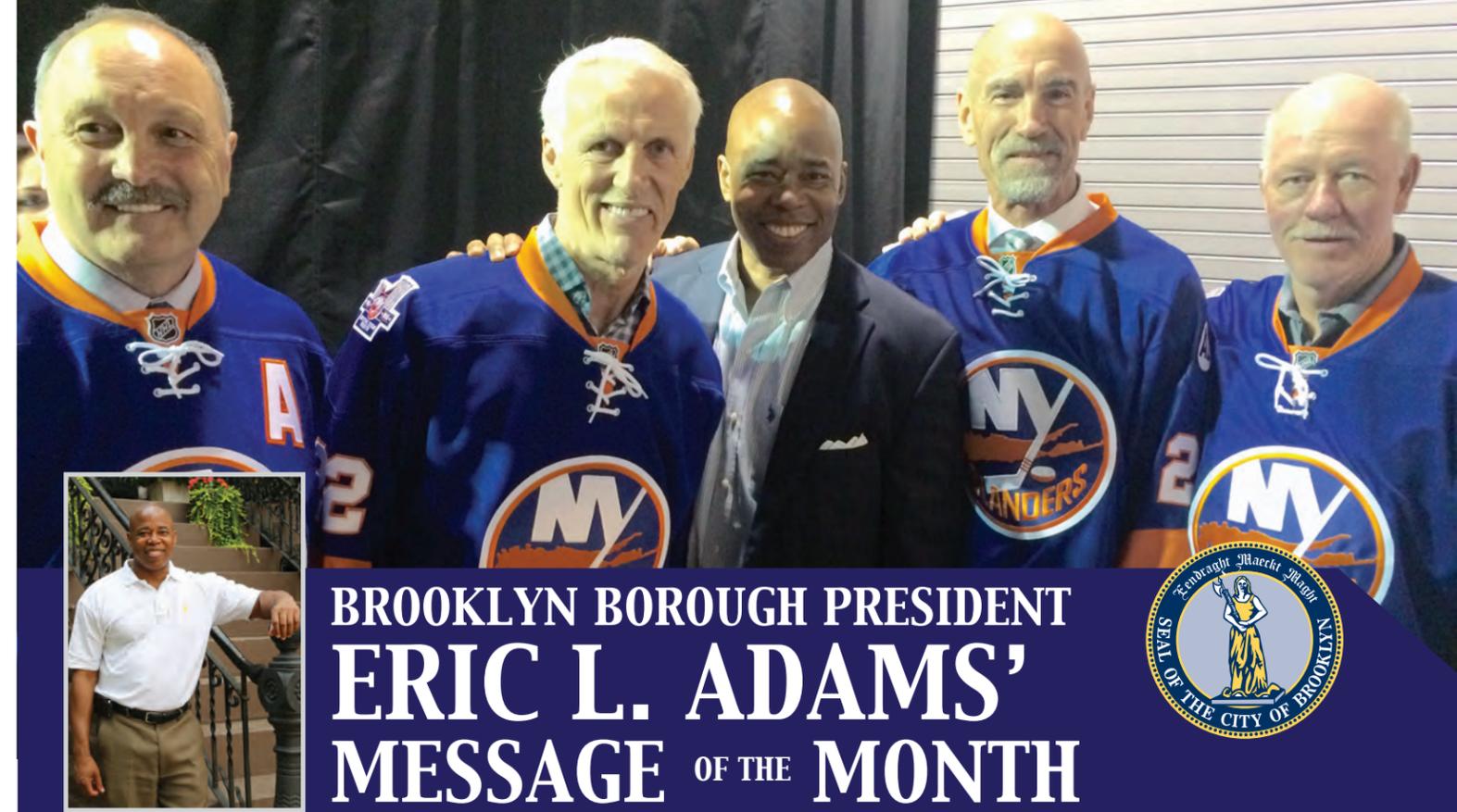
The Flatbush Caton Market, a local commercial and cultural institution with deep roots in the Caribbean community, will soon be transformed into a mixed-use project that will provide Flatbush with an expanded and renovated market, new space for the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CACCI), as well as additional classroom space and a commercial kitchen that will support the long-term growth and vitality of dozens of local vendors and entrepreneurs. On Tuesday, October 27th, Borough President Adams applauded the selection of BRP Development Corporation as the developer on this effort, which will also

include over 150 mixed-income units of 100% affordable housing. The project will be partially supported by capital funding from his budget.

Following the third anniversary of Hurricane Sandy, Borough President Adams formally launched the Brooklyn Resiliency Task Force on Friday, October 30th with the borough's waterfront council members and the Mayor's Office of Recovery and Resiliency (ORR) to enhance coordination and advocacy regarding resources for critical climate resiliency efforts. The group first convened six months ago to better comprehend the scope and scale of challenges facing coastal communities in Brooklyn and mitigation measures underway. Their initial work has resulted in a new borough map, created by ORR in partnership with Borough President Adams and Council Member Mark Treyger, chair of the Committee on Recovery and Resiliency, to inform the public about local resiliency projects and their progress, part of the City's \$20 billion comprehensive citywide resiliency plan.

Borough President Adams welcomed New York Islanders legends Bryan Trottier, Mike Bossy, Bob Nystrom, and Bill Smith to Barclays Center, as the team dropped the puck on their first regular-season home game in Brooklyn.

Photo Credit: Stefan Ringel/Brooklyn BP's Office



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



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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH

2:00 PM-5:00 PM

Brooklyn Borough Hall – Room G-80
Free One-to-One Help for Parents of Young
People with Disabilities

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH

6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Brooklyn Borough Hall – Courtroom
Capital Budget Overview for Upcoming Fiscal
Year 2017

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH

7:00 PM-8:30 PM

Brooklyn Borough Hall – Community Room
Verizon FiOS in Brooklyn: A Public Forum to
Discuss the FiOS Rollout

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

10:00 AM-1:00 PM

Brooklyn Borough Hall – Community Room
Veterans Educational Training Conference for
Clergy and Chaplains

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Brooklyn Borough Hall – Community Room
Reduced-Fare MetroCard Services at Brooklyn
Borough Hall

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

1:00 PM-5:00 PM

Brooklyn Borough Hall – Room G-80
Free Citizenship Screening

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

11:00 AM-2:00 PM

Brooklyn Borough Hall – Rotunda
Free Flu Shots!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

6:00 PM-9:00 PM

Brooklyn Borough Hall – Community Room
Meet The Lenders

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND

4:00 PM-7:00 PM

Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts
A Celebration of Praise and Thanksgiving
Musical Concert

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD

6:00 PM-9:00 PM

Brooklyn Borough Hall – Courtroom
Uniform Land Use Review Procedure Public
Hearing – East New York Rezoning

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH

11:30 AM-2:30 PM

Boys and Girls High School
Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner

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

WHAT'S UP AT BROOKLYN BOROUGH HALL?

According to Islamic custom, the Muslim community distributes meat as charity on Eid Al-Adha to commemorate Abraham's obedience to God as he was tested to sacrifice his son. On Thursday, October 1st, Borough President Adams joined with the Turkish Cultural Center Brooklyn, a non-profit organization based in Sheepshead Bay, and Embrace Relief, a global relief effort providing aid to the underserved and those struck by disaster, to donate 1,500 pounds of meat to food pantries across Brooklyn.

STEAM learning is a focus of Borough President Adams's education

agenda, based on the principle that science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics are critical to preparing students for the innovation economy. To help Brooklyn's schools power their curriculum with STEAM, Borough President Adams partnered with Con Edison to hold a resource fair for educators on Monday, October 5th at Brooklyn Borough Hall.

Viva Italia! On Thursday, October 8th, Brooklyn Borough Hall was host to Borough President Adams's celebration of Italian-American heritage and its rich local history. The ceremony featured recognition

of Italian-Americans in the borough and colorful displays of culture, followed by a reception highlighted by a taste of Italy from area restaurants.

Professional hockey, welcome to Brooklyn! Borough President Adams was on hand for the ceremonial puck drop at the New York Islanders' first regular season home game at Barclays Center on Friday, October 9th. He also got a chance to greet Isles legends Mike Bossy, Bob Nystrom, Bill Smith, and Bryan Trottier.

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Caption: Borough President Adams spoke with a survivor of abuse as she received a makeover at his inaugural “Surviving and Thriving” breakfast in Brooklyn Borough Hall, held to commemorate Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Photo Credit: Malcolm McDaniel/Brooklyn BP’s Office



Borough President Adams conducted a between-innings trivia contest for over a hundred Mets fans at Brooklyn Borough Hall as they watched Game 1 of the World Series together at his viewing party.

Photo Credit: Stefan Ringel/Brooklyn BP’s Office



Borough President Adams joined the American Red Cross and FDNY Foundation in handing out free smoke alarms to Brooklynites outside Brooklyn Borough Hall, along with important safety tips, as part of his recognition of National Fire Prevention Week.

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COMMUNITY ALERTS

On Saturday, October 3rd, a deadly explosion rocked 4206 13th Avenue in Borough Park, killing two people in the building and injuring more than a dozen others. While initial reports suggested the blast may have been related to natural gas, fire marshals have since ruled that out as the cause. Still, Borough President Adams is urging everyone to get out of any building where they think they smell gas and call 911 immediately, especially as Brooklynites transition to the winter months and prepare to use gas more regularly to heat their homes. Additionally, he is working with Council Member Jumaane D. Williams on a larger investigation of this matter, including a legislative proposal, submitted to the City Council on his request, which would require licensure or certification in order to disconnect, replace, or modify gas line connections between the source and a home appliance such as a hot water heater or stove. Borough President Adams has asked anyone willing to donate to the Borough Park Relief Fund to visit nyc.gov/fund.

According to FDNY statistics, Brooklyn led New York City with 833 serious fires in 2014, a figure representing nearly a third of the citywide total. Borough President Adams, who launched a borough-wide fire safety campaign earlier this year, has been focused on educating Brooklynites about preventative measures, primarily the importance of smoke alarms. On Friday, October 9th, he partnered with the American Red Cross and FDNY Foundation to distribute hundreds of free smoke/carbon monoxide alarms outside of Brooklyn Borough Hall. Borough President Adams himself got

trained at the Bushwick Educational Campus in how to install one of the life-saving devices on Saturday, October 24th, helping local resident Gladys Puglia affix several in her home. Anyone interested in a free smoke/carbon monoxide alarm can learn more at nyc.gov/fdny, and those willing to volunteer installing units and educating Brooklynites can visit redcross.org/ny/new-york.

The Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) announced a City-State agreement to fund its capital program on Saturday, October 10th, a deal which includes a station connector between the Livonia Avenue and Junius Street stops on the L and 3 lines, respectively. Earlier this year, Borough President Adams launched a public campaign to urge the MTA to create this link at the only remaining site in the subway system where lines cross each other without a free transfer; until the connector is constructed, he has asked for a free transfer to be instituted for a ridership that has suffered from paying double fares for years. Borough President Adams continued to advocate for service improvements throughout Brooklyn, calling on the MTA’s operating budget to include such enhancements as the restoration of B71 service between the Columbia Street Waterfront District and Crown Heights as well as the return of express subway service along the F line. Details on the MTA’s budget can be found at mta.info.

“Brooklyn is the center of New York City’s affordability crisis, and predatory scammers that

try to take advantage of struggling homeowners are exacerbating this crisis.” These were the words of Borough President Adams on Tuesday, October 13th as he partnered with New York State Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman and the Center for New York City Neighborhoods on a forum at Brooklyn Borough Hall focused on deed theft and mortgage scams in the housing market. Since 2010, almost 3,000 New Yorkers have been victims of foreclosure rescue scams; communities that have been particularly impacted in the borough include neighborhoods in east and central Brooklyn, such as Brownsville, Canarsie, and East New York. Indicators for homeowners to look out for that may hint at a mortgage scam include guarantees and promises of results, upfront fees for foreclosure prevention services, requests to send mortgage payments to anyone other than one’s mortgage lender or servicer, confusing language or paperwork, requests to transfer ownership of one’s property to a mortgage assistance company, and aggressive sales pitches. Further assistance and information is available at agscamhelp.com.



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.

The latest Heroes of the Month were named by Borough President Adams on Wednesday, October 14th at a ceremony in Brooklyn Borough Hall. Lieutenant Victor Milukas of Ladder Company 159 in Flatlands was declared “Hero of the Month” for August in honor of his courage under fire when saving an unconscious two-year-old during an early morning fire in Marine Park. The volunteer members of Borough Park-based Yad Ephraim were declared “Heroes of the Month” for September in honor of their commitment to the less fortunate, distributing over three thousand free hot meals during the Jewish High Holiday season to needy patients in hospitals across Brooklyn.

Borough President Adams’s latest honored of Brooklyn’s Community Businesses, a series where he honors local companies with a commitment to the neighborhoods they serve, is DII

Stores! On Tuesday, October 20th, he toured the headquarters of this chain of discount neighborhood department stores at the Trump Village Shopping Center in Coney Island; in the days following Superstorm Sandy, this location opened for business without electricity solely to help residents purchase necessities such as candles, batteries, food, and water. DII Stores employs over 500 people, over 40% of which are Brooklynites, and supports local police precincts by providing goods such as paper products for their annual National Night Out events.

Watch together, win together! In honor of the New York Mets’ magical World Series run, Borough President Adams opened the doors of Brooklyn Borough Hall on Tuesday, October 27th for over a hundred fans to experience Game 1 of the Fall Classic together. The festivities included free popcorn

and between-innings trivia that included prizes courtesy of the Brooklyn Cyclones. The event was part of a larger initiative with civil rights attorney Norman Siegel encouraging community centers, governmental buildings, houses of worship, and other public sites to open up spaces for New Yorkers to unite and build bonds through sports.

On Friday, October 30th, Borough President Adams recognized Domestic Violence Awareness Month at his inaugural “Surviving and Thriving” breakfast for hundreds of local abuse survivors and supportive Brooklynites. The morning program focused on successfully moving forward from abuse; activities included mini-makeovers and pampering sessions, performances of poetry and modern dance, demonstrations of self-defense and yoga, as well as a panel discussion with domestic violence survivors.