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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 brooklyn-usa.org to sign up for Borough President Adams’ paperless notifications, like his Facebook page, and follow @BPEricAdams on Instagram and Twitter.

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Hitting the mic at the Way Station in Prospect Heights, Borough President Adams launched the first annual BK Sings Karaoke Contest on Sunday, April 3rd, offering Brooklyn residents the opportunity to perform their favorite songs in competitions at local restaurants and clubs to find the best amateur karaoke singer in Brooklyn. Champions at local contests will compete in regional semifinals to determine the singers for the final round at Hill Country Barbecue Market in Downtown Brooklyn. The champion will receive a karaoke machine as well as the opportunity to sing at an upcoming public event at MCU Park in Coney Island. For additional information, please visit brooklyn-usa.org/karaoke.

Crochet for a Cause: Borough President Adams hosted an Organ Donation Day celebration on Wednesday, April 6th at Brooklyn Borough Hall with the culmination of Crochet for a Cause!, an annual program in which several dozen volunteers meet each week for several months to create blankets and scarves that are shared with the families of organ donors by LiveOnNY, a non-profit organization that encourages people to register as organ donors.

To protect Brooklyn families from the threat of gun violence, Borough President Adams hosted a roundtable discussion at the First Baptist Church of Crown Heights on Sunday, April 10th, with the families of victims of gun violence, advocates, law enforcement, and community leaders to discuss bipartisan gun trafficking legislation and efforts to prevent illegal firearms from reaching the streets of Brooklyn. The effort builds on an initiative by Borough President Adams who, in collaboration with State Senator Roxanne Persaud and State Assembly Member Jo Anne Simon, has introduced a bill in the State Legislature to restrict purchases of ammunition to licensed gun owners.

Honor Brooklyn residents committed to public safety: Borough President Adams recognized police officers who resuscitated a five-month-old girl in Sea Gate who had an allergic reaction to baby formula, as well as a Good Samaritan who rescued a 52-year-old woman who had attempted to jump from the Brooklyn Bridge, as “Heroes of the Month” during a ceremony at Brooklyn Bridge, as “Heroes of the Month” during a ceremony at Brooklyn Bridge.
The event was a continuation of the “Hero of the Month” series in which Borough President Adams honors the accomplishments of Brooklynites from all walks of life.

Welcoming the people of Brooklyn into the People’s House, Borough President Adams and Deputy Borough President Reyna held an open house on Saturday, April 16th, at Brooklyn Borough Hall, where more than 500 people visited the historic building and spoke with Borough President Adams and his team about their work on behalf of Brooklynites.

Championing the arts and culture in Brooklyn, Borough President Adams and the Brooklyn Arts Council (BAC) announced on Thursday, April 21st that $28,500 in Destination-Brooklyn mini-grants have been awarded to 19 local cultural organizations across Brooklyn whose work contributes to tourism in the borough. These funds support expenses incurred in the development, production, and distribution of promotional materials for their organizations as well as arts and cultural programs and events. Fifty thousand pieces of marketing materials have been created, designed, and distributed through this grant.

Let’s Go Crazy, Brooklyn! Borough President Adams organized a tribute on Friday, April 29th in Fort Greene Park to global music icon Prince, who recently passed away at the age of 57, in partnership with the New York City Parks, the Fort Greene Conservancy, and Council Member Laurie A. Cumbo. Thousands of people danced to a concert of DJs playing three hours of Prince’s music, followed by a screening of his cult classic film “Purple Rain.” The tribute also included a display of two Little Red Corvettes at the entrance to the park.

Take home a four-legged friend! On Saturday, April 30th, Borough President Adams hosted Adopt-a-Shelter Animal Day in Marine Park to find a loving home for dogs and cats that are living in animal shelters. The event, organized in collaboration with the Animal Care Center of New York, Foster Dogs, the Mayor’s Alliance for NYC’s Animals, and Rescue City Pet Adoption Center, allowed visitors to meet and interact with potential new members of their families and start the process of adoption. In addition, participants learned safety tips for emergencies from the New York City Office of Emergency Management (OEM), and could renew or purchase a dog license with the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH).

After a recent incident in which a man attacked and attempted to rape a woman jogging inside Prospect Park near Garfield Plaza and Prospect Park West, Borough President Adams went to Grand Army Plaza on Tuesday, April 19th to distribute flyers that featured a composite picture and description of the assailant and to encourage the community to assist the New York City Police Department (NYPD) with its investigation. The flyer also included several safety tips that will help residents of the neighborhood remain safe, such as following familiar routes in well-lit areas. If you have any information about the attack or the alleged assailant, contact the NYPD at (718) 287-3239.

To allow Brooklyn families access to critical legal services, Borough President Adams cut the ribbon on an expansion of his free legal services clinic at Brooklyn Borough Hall on Tuesday, April 19th. Operated in collaboration with several legal aid organizations, the clinic will provide assistance with foreclosure intervention and prevention, domestic violence, custody, visitation, and child support issues; housing, trusts and estates; government benefits such as Medicaid, Social Security, and elder law, which includes advanced directives such as health care proxies and power of attorney, and veterans issues, continuing an effort by Borough President Adams to improve access to legal assistance in Brooklyn. If you need assistance with a legal matter, call (718) 802-3777 for an appointment.

Keeping track of older adults in our community, Borough President Adams joined the United States Postal Service (USPS), the Department for the Aging (DFTA), and the Human Resources Administration (HRA) on April 21st at Cadman Plaza in Downtown Brooklyn for the launch of Carrier CARES (Carriers Alert Reporting Emergency Services), an initiative that will have postal carriers report matters or concerns witnessed on their delivery routes directly to HRA, allowing the agency to follow up with assistance to resolve any problems.

Calling on Brooklynites to keep our waters clean and prevent localized flooding, Borough President Adams and Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Commissioner Emily Lloyd recognized Earth Day with the launch on Friday, April 22nd of their Adopt-A-Catch Basin pilot program, an initiative in which the Office of the Brooklyn Borough President and DEP have already formed partnerships with block associations, business improvement districts, and other community-based organizations in neighborhoods such as Canarsie, Gowanus, Prospect-Lefferts Gardens, and Sunset Park to remove debris that blocks storm drains. The initiative was created to reduce localized flooding after heavy rainstorms, and to prevent floatables such as bottles from entering into waterways. Groups interested in the Adopt-A-Catch Basin program are encouraged to contact the Office of the Brooklyn Borough President for more details at (718) 802-3700.

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.

COMMUNITY ALERTS

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