To support green initiatives in our public schools, Borough President Adams released a report on Monday, May 2nd calling for New York City to increase support for sustainability coordinators in public schools. “Supporting Sustainability in Schools: A Greener Path Forward” explains that even as sustainability coordinators have already achieved considerable success — creating policies to divert trash into recycling, collecting more than 7,600 tons of organic waste, and recycling 53,000 books — 199 schools in the 2014-2015 school year had yet to appoint a sustainability coordinator as mandated by law, and 322 schools did not file the required sustainability plan that same year. According to the report, these figures, combined with the lack of compensation and designated preparation time for sustainability coordinators, demonstrate that schools have enormous potential to expand sustainability initiatives if the necessary resources and support are provided. The report advises that the City should consider compensating sustainability coordinators, or hiring full-time, paid coordinators for each school or district, allowing for designated preparation time, and convening regular meetings where sustainability coordinators have an opportunity to exchange ideas and share best practices.

Borough President Adams announced a partnership Monday, May 9th with F로우Messaging, a DUMBO-based company that has provided a data platform, and Dell, which has provided the hardware, to establish an innovative smart city pilot program at Brooklyn Borough Hall. The program will allow his office to collect and access real-time data on conditions in the borough’s oldest municipal building, including device counters to monitor occupancy in rooms that sometimes experience overcrowding, sensors such as smart-strips and smart-plugs to measure energy usage around the building, multi-sensors to determine whether equipment has been operating efficiently, and ultrasonic rangefinders to ensure that ADA-designated entrances are accessible in real-time. Beyond the gains in energy and governmental efficiencies, Borough President Adams is committed to assuring that the burgeoning “internet-of-things” (IoT) sector is one that also creates long-term jobs for Brooklynites as well.

To improve street safety around the full perimeter of Prospect Park, Borough President Adams advanced his call on Sunday, May 22nd for the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) to perform a study analyzing the feasibility of improved traffic-calming infrastructure on Flatbush Avenue between Grand Army Plaza and Empire Boulevard. Explaining that many community residents and other stakeholders have described the street as a “speedway,” he called for an examination of potentially replicating a similar project on the Prospect Park West corridor in Park Slope to protect bicyclists, motorists, and pedestrians traveling around Crown Heights, Prospect Heights, and Prospect Lefferts Gardens.

On Tuesday, May 24th, Borough President Adams joined State Senator Diane Savino and Assembly Member Helene Weinstien to announce their proposal to expand the application of the New York State Runaway and Homeless Youth Act to include individuals under the age of 25 who need services and are not within a place of shelter where supervision and care are available, an increase from the current age limit of 21. In response to the many risks facing young men and women who have run away from home and are now unhoused, the bill would add concerns that have been reported by many homeless New Yorkers between the ages of 21 and 25 about difficulties accessing adult homeless shelters, including fears of bullying, harassment, sexual assault, and violence; as a result of these issues, a substantial number of young people have chosen to risk sleeping in the streets and subways, exacerbating the financial and psychological harms of chronic homelessness.

Every Monday through Thursday
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall – Room G-80
SCORE NYC Small Business Mentoring

Saturday, June 4th
11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall
Free Legal Services for All

Saturday, June 4th
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall Plaza
School Luncheon Concert Series

Thursday, June 9th
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
McCray Park
Brooklyn Day Celebration

Sunday, June 12th
7:00 PM - 9:30 PM
Hill Country
The Lemon Tree

Monday, June 13th
6:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall – Community Room
Uniform Land Use Review Procedure Public Hearing

Wednesday, June 15th
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall – Community Room
All-In-One Resource Clinic

Wednesday, June 15th
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall – Courthouse
Attorney’s Night

Friday, June 17th
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall
Men’s Health Symposium & Expo

Tuesday, June 21st
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Raymond Sardone – 490 Fulton Street
Women’s Financial Fitness Workshop

Saturday, June 25th
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Brooklyn Museum – Parking Lot
Movie Night Under the Stars

Sunday, June 26th
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Eastern Parkway between Flatbush and Washington avenues
Central Brooklyn Arts & Culture Walk

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

WHAT’S UP AT BROOKLYN BOROUGH HALL?

As part of his ongoing effort to advance the financial literacy of Brooklyn families, Borough President Adams hosted the “700 Credit Score Club,” a three-part program at Brooklyn Borough Hall that began on Monday, May 2nd, to help people raise their credit scores, which would allow them to borrow at lower interest rates to buy a home, send their children to college, and provide for their retirement. The program, organized in collaboration with non-profit organization Operation HOPE, included a free credit report, as well as individualized counseling with personal finance experts.

Borough President Adams proclaimed Thursday, May 5th as Brooklyn Day of Prayer. As part of the commemoration, he joined in worship with members of the congregation at the Christian Cultural Center in East New York, Congregation Mount Sinai in Brooklyn Heights, and the Islamic Society of Bay Ridge, honoring the many contributions of the community of faith to Brooklyn. More than 300 Brooklynites participated in those services.

On Friday, May 6th at Brooklyn Borough Hall, Borough President Adams hosted the Second Annual Mitchell-Lama Task Force Legislative Summit to continue the dialogue between residents of Mitchell-Lama housing, a statewide program created in 1955 that supported the construction of 105,000 units of affordable housing for middle-income residents, and the elected officials and administrators responsible for the program. Moderated by Council Member Antonio Reynoso, the summit featured an extensive discussion on the best methods to preserve existing affordable housing in Brooklyn.

Golden athletes are winning bronze, silver, and gold! Borough President Adams joined State Senators Jesse Hamilton and Kevin Parker, Council Member Robert Cornegy, and the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation in hosting the 2016 Senior Olympics, including events for older adults at recreation centers in Brownsville, Crown Heights, Mill Basin, Sunset Park and Williamsburg. The games, which featured athletic competitions such as basketball, bowling, shuffleboard, swimming, and track, started on Monday, May 2nd and continued through Saturday, May 14th.

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