Celebrating the many cultures that contribute to One Brooklyn, Borough President Adams celebrated Brooklyn’s 3rd annual International Day of Friendship with a Unity Parade of Flags down Fulton Street, followed by a multicultural festival at Brooklyn Borough Hall and Columbus Park in Downtown Brooklyn.

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Calling into service the best minds in firearm manufacturing, Borough President Adams convened the New York City Smart Gun Symposium, the largest-to-date gathering on advancing smart gun technology, on Tuesday, August 2nd at Brooklyn Borough Hall. The gathering, organized in partnership with Washington Ceasefire and New Yorkers Against Gun Violence, featured a cross-section of leaders in the fields of gun rights, gun safety advocacy, law enforcement, and smart gun technology.

On Tuesday, August 2nd, Borough President Adams illuminated Brooklyn Borough Hall in blue light in recognition of National Night Out Against Crime, a nationwide event celebrated annually since 1984 in which police departments host community residents for an evening of activities aimed at building greater partnership. He joined community residents and members of the New York City Police Department (NYPD) for gatherings at Bedford-Stuyvesant Restoration Plaza in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Betsy Head Park in Brownsville, Martense Street in East Flatbush, and Coffey Park in Red Hook.

In commemoration of World Breastfeeding Week, Borough President Adams hosted dozens of local moms for Brooklyn’s Global Big Latch On outside Brooklyn Borough Hall on Saturday, August 7th. The worldwide initiative brings mothers together to breastfeed, offer support to each other, and affirm a woman’s right to comfortably and safely breastfeed.

We are the world! Starting with a Unity Parade of Flags featuring the banners of 195 nations on Fulton Street, where he marched arm-in-arm with Muslim-American veterans of the United States Armed Forces, and continuing with a festival at Brooklyn Borough Hall, Borough President Adams celebrated his 3rd annual International Day of Friendship on Sunday, August 8th. With live entertainment, presentations of different cultural traditions, and free samples of international cuisine, the event offered participants an opportunity to reflect on their heritage and stand united as One Brooklyn.

Honoring Brooklyn’s green thumbs, Borough President Adams joined Green-Bridge, the community environmental horticulture program of Brooklyn Botanic Garden, to honor the winners of the 2016 Greenest Block in Brooklyn, a competition they partner on to encourage block and merchant associations to cultivate container plantings, front gardens, storefront greenery, tree beds, and window boxes. The ceremony was held on Tuesday,

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August 9th with the winner in the residential block category, the 300 East 25th Street Block Association in Flatbush.

Welcome home, Cap! Borough President Adams proclaimed “Marvel’s Captain America Day” in Brooklyn on Wednesday, August 10th at the dedication ceremony in the Children’s Corner of Prospect Park for the temporary installation of a 13-foot-tall bronze statue of Marvel Comics superhero Captain America. The tribute to the shield-bearing superhero, who described himself as “just a kid from Brooklyn,” marked the 75th birthday of Captain America, a celebration that included a screening of “Marvel’s Captain America: Civil War,” which Borough President Adams hosted for thousands of fans on Prospect Park’s Long Meadow North.

Bon appétit, Brooklyn! On Thursday, August 11th, Borough President Adams launched the 2016 edition of Dine In Brooklyn, his restaurant week celebrating the borough’s renowned cuisine, at Miti Miti Margarita Bar and Bistro in Park Slope. Through Monday, August 22nd, Brooklyn residents and visitors enjoyed more than 100 establishments offering three-course dinner menus at $28 per person, two-course lunch menus at $15 per person, and weekend brunch menus at $12 per person. Dine In Brooklyn 2016 was a partnership between Borough President Adams and the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, with exclusive sponsorship from Visa and contributing support from Barclays Center, Brokelyn.com, Brooklyn Academy of Music, BrooklynReporter.com, and Yelp.

Partying with more than 500 seniors on the shores of the Atlantic Ocean, Borough President Adams hosted his third annual “Seniors by the Sea” celebration on Friday, August 19th. The free festivities inside the Marine Academic Center at Kingsborough Community College in Manhattan Beach featured a catered lunch, games, musical entertainment, photo booths, and senior-targeted resources from service providers.

Many tails were wagging on Sunday, August 21st, when Borough President Adams and State Senator Jesse Hamilton hosted BK Dog Day, an event celebrating Brooklyn’s four-legged best friends at the Nethermead in Prospect Park. The event featured doggie treats such as a buffet, fashion show, giveaways, photo booth, and a play area for pooches.

Reflecting on the healing of a community, Borough President Adams joined local residents and interfaith clergy leaders on Sunday, August 21st for a memorial ceremony outside the Jewish Children’s Museum that commemorated the 25 years since the Crown Heights riots. A longtime resident of the community and a 22-year veteran of the NYPD, Borough President Adams spoke about his efforts to advance peace, public safety, and social justice for all in Crown Heights, which he represented for nearly seven years in the New York State Senate.

Domino! Borough President Adams hosted the Fiesta Cultural Puertorriqueña 2016 Domino Tournament and Family Day on Sunday, August 21st outside Eddie Jr.’s Sports Lounge in Williamsburg. One hundred and twenty players from 80 teams competed at 40 tables in the Brooklyn Domino League of New York, which also includes members from the Bronx, Manhattan, and Queens. The game, played by placing tiles marked with different numbers of dots in a pattern based on tiles that have already been used, was created in China in the 12th century and has since become popular around the world, particularly in Latin America.

The Brooklyn Dominican Day Parade attracted hundreds of Brooklynites to Graham Avenue on Sunday, August 28th, including Borough President Adams in his role as the celebration’s grand marshal as well as Deputy Borough President Reyna, Brooklyn’s first borough-wide appointed official of Dominican descent. More Dominicans live in the five boroughs than in any other city in the world, barring Santo Domingo.
On Tuesday, August 16th, Borough President Adams kicked off his Smart Gun Design Competition, calling on teams from colleges and universities in New York City to create the technology that will prevent unauthorized users from firing a gun. A committee of jurists will select the five best ideas and allocate $10,000 in seed money from Borough President Adams’ discretionary budget to further their work. Additionally, these entries will be evaluated for their viability to be assessed further through testing in collaboration with the NYPD. At the conclusion of the competition — held in collaboration with the Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice (MOCJ), New Yorkers Against Gun Violence (NYAGV), and the Smart Tech Challenge Foundation — Borough President Adams will award a $1 million prize from his capital budget to the institution that has designed the best smart gun. To learn more about participating in the competition, visit brooklyn-usa.org.

Borough President Adams and Council Member Mark Treyger joined forces on Tuesday, August 16th to introduce bipartisan legislation aimed at helping new parents save for college by expanding awareness of New York’s 529 College Savings Program, which helps families invest in their children’s postsecondary education. The bill, Intro. 1254, would require the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) to develop college savings plan materials for parents and guardians, to be delivered with their child’s certificate of registration of birth. Additionally, the bill provides for the distribution of this information to families of pre-kindergarten students, adding to existing recipient categories, established by legislation championed by Council Member Andy King last term, of students entering kindergarten, sixth grade, and ninth grade, as well as any child first entering a school as a new student. Information on New York’s 529 College Savings Program can be accessed digitally at nysaves.org.

Welcoming local advocates who want to serve their communities, Borough President Adams held a swearing-in ceremony on Wednesday, August 24th at Brooklyn Borough Hall for new and reappointed members of Brooklyn’s 18 community boards, who represent their neighbors in matters dealing with land use and other specific neighborhood needs. In his role as Brooklyn borough president, Borough President Adams appoints the members of each of the community boards in Brooklyn, half of whom are nominated by local members of the City Council. In an effort to expand civic participation, he launched a digital application process for membership earlier this year, which has increased applications by 10 percent this cycle. Additionally, it is his goal — under the authority granted by a 2015 State law — to continue encouraging interested youth to apply for a position on their community board.

Those interested in joining their local community board or learning more about their community board are encouraged to visit brooklyn-usa.org.

The Ulmer Park Branch of the Brooklyn Public Library (BPL) in Gravesend was reopened on Wednesday, August 31st following renovations for capital improvements, funded by an $875,000 allocation jointly secured by Borough President Adams and Council Member Mark Treyger. Infrastructure advancements included the installation of a new roof, ceilings, flooring, furniture, HVAC units, and LED lighting. BPL’s Ulmer Park Branch serves a diverse, multilingual community, housing both Chinese and Russian book collections, and offers a variety of community activities such as art, chess, and tai chi. More information, including operating hours for this and any of BPL’s 60 branches, is available at bklynlibrary.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) 802-3700.
The month of August was emblematic of Borough President Adams’ commitment to advancing Brooklyn’s role in the global community. On Wednesday, August 3rd, he embarked on a delegation mission, including members of the 67th Precinct Clergy Council, on a visit to Trinidad and Tobago that is focused on local and global issues relating to gun violence; the expedition comes at the invitation of the Trinidad & Tobago – USA Clergy Council and Mayor General Edmund Dillon, Trinidad and Tobago’s minister of national security. During his three-day visit, Borough President Adams met with high-ranking leaders of the island nation as well as members of its local faith community to advance a solution-oriented public safety dialogue. On Tuesday, August 30th, he arrived in the Sabail district of the island nation as well as members of its local faith community to advance a solution-oriented public safety dialogue.

In a ceremony at Brooklyn Borough Hall on Thursday, August 11th, Borough President Adams joined Mayor Bill de Blasio as he signed into law Intro 1063-A, a bill requiring the New York City Administration for Children’s Services (ACS), DOHMH, and the New York City Department of Social Services (DSS) to create public lactation rooms at a number of their locations for breastfeeding and expressing milk. The legislation, which was introduced into the New York City Council at Borough President Adams’ request by Council Members Robert Cornegy, Jr., Laurie Cumbo, and Corey Johnson, makes New York City one of the first municipalities to provide this service to visitors of City facilities. The new law builds on Borough President Adams’ Family Friendly Brooklyn initiative, established to provide support for families with young children; on top of his establishment of a comfortable, safe lactation room at Brooklyn Borough Hall last Mother’s Day, he has begun distributing newborn cards with information about breastfeeding and other resources to new parents at 11 local hospitals.

As part of his comprehensive effort to prepare Brooklyn students for success in school and in their future careers, Borough President Adams hosted a Career Panel Conference at Brooklyn Borough on Saturday, August 20th. The day featured presentations and discussions with industry leaders who work for the Brooklyn Nets, the National Basketball Association (NBA), the Public Schools Athletic League (PSAL), and other local organizations. The effort, which included a free back-to-school readiness giveaway of supplies for underserved students, builds on the commitment by Borough President Adams to create “pipelines” of opportunity to bridge curriculum and related resources across the length of a student’s educational experience.

### LATEST INITIATIVES

- **FREE Legal Services for All – Housing Matters, Trusts and Estates, Elder Law, and Government Benefits**
- **SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH**
  - 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
  - Brooklyn Borough Hall – Room G-80
  - FREE Legal Services for All – Housing Matters, Trusts and Estates, Elder Law, and Government Benefits

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### EVERY MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
- **VARIOUS TIMES**
  - Brooklyn Borough Hall – Room G-80
  - SCORE NYC Small Business Mentoring

#### EVERY TUESDAY
- 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
  - Brooklyn Borough Hall – Room G-80
  - FREE Legal Services for All – Veterans’ Issues

#### EVERY WEDNESDAY
- 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
  - Brooklyn Borough Hall – Room G-80
  - FREE Legal Services for All – Family Law

#### THIRD MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH
- 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
  - Brooklyn Borough Hall – Room G-80
  - FREE Legal Services for All – Domestic Violence

#### SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
- 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
  - Brooklyn Borough Hall – Room G-80
  - FREE Legal Services for All – Foreclosure Intervention and Prevention

#### SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH
- 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
  - Brooklyn Borough Hall – Room G-80
  - FREE Legal Services for All – Housing Matters, Trusts and Estates, Elder Law, and Government Benefits

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH
- 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
  - Brooklyn Borough Hall
  - 9/11 Remembrance Service

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH
- 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
  - Brooklyn Borough Hall – Community Room
  - Brooklyn Borough Board Meeting

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH
- 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
  - Graham and Metropolitan avenues
  - International Children’s Parade and Festival

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH
- 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
  - 50 Sheffield Avenue
  - Blood Drive at Bushwick Center

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH
- 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
  - Brooklyn Borough Hall
  - One-on-One Assistance Clinic

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH TO FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD
- **VARIOUS TIMES**
  - Various Locations
  - BEAT Festival 2016

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND
- 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
  - 110 West Ninth Street
  - Citizen Preparedness Corps Training Program

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH
- 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM
  - Atlantic Avenue between Hicks Street and Fourth Avenue
  - Atlantic Antic

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH
- 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM
  - Brooklyn Borough Hall
  - One Brooklyn Resource Fair

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.