On Monday, October 17th, Borough President Adams unveiled more than $2 million in Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17) funds from Brooklyn Borough Hall to construct and preserve hundreds of affordable housing units across Brooklyn, highlighted by the Dedication of the first projects that will break ground from his groundbreaking Faith-Based Development Initiative, which connects local houses of worship with information and resources to explore opportunities for developing their properties to create affordable housing. The leaders of the project, included in a separate area of the City’s application to use a portion of the street located between the Whole Canal and Kingsland Avenue for the waterfront nature walk, were submitted on Wednesday, October 19th. Borough President Adams offered several enhancements to the project, including the potential for an emergency call box incorporated in proximity to the Kingsland Avenue entrance of the walk, in coordination with the NYPD. Additionally, he suggested DEP coordinate with the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) and others in the challenge of determinate the appropriateness of installing a new bike lane along Kingsland Avenue, which could connect the walk with an existing bike lane along Greenpoint Avenue.

Looking to activate local youth with a passion for social justice, Borough President Adams announced on Friday, October 28th his innovative partnership with AFROPUNK, a socially-conscious music festival first held in 2005 in Brooklyn that has since connected with millions of fans globally at the nexus of alternative and urban culture, which will expand their shared movement of engaging young people in volunteering on service projects across the borough. Supported by his allocation of $50,000 from Brooklyn Borough Hall’s discretionary budget, thousands of individuals from the AFROPUNK Army, the volunteer corps of AFROPUNK that launched last summer, will be mobilized to help organize, set-up, and volunteer on community service projects. In exchange, volunteers who contribute eight hours or more of their time will earn a ticket to AFROPUNK Fest, held at Commodore Barry Park in Fort Greene. The collaboration will focus on enhancing community outreach, promoting engagement, and identifying social programs, and amplifying information for Brooklynites on social media. Borough President Adams’ partnership with AFROPUNK is the latest in the variety of approaches he has taken to address low rates of volunteering, including a legislative proposal that would unveil last year a tax credit equal to $200 a year to New Yorkers who volunteer at least 25 hours a year for a specified (501)(3) or organizations, or organizations affiliated with NY Cares or NYC Service. According to Volunteering and Civic Life in America, New York State ranked last out of all 50 states and the District of Columbia in the percentage of residents who volunteered in 2014.

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Borough President Adams congratulated Antoinette Rose, principal of PS 81, Connie Lakes School in Sheepshead Bay, on becoming “Hero of the Month”. In September Rose led the enrichment day to celebrate the 19th anniversary of the September 11th attacks with special needs through annual autumn black history. This was a unique, following a ceremony in the circle of Brooklyn Borough Hall, with NYPD officers who were recognized for their heroes in saving others on the terribled of death in Fort Greene with the FDNY. Photo Credit: Erica Sherman/Brooklyn BP’s Office

**LATEST INITIATIVES**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST**
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Borough Park’n Meetup at Brooklyn Borough Hall

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND**
8:30 AM – 11:00 AM
Borough President Adams’ Breakfast with the Press

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5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Brooklyn Public Library – South Branch Small Business Risk Education Workshop

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6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall – Community Room
Brooklyn Borough Board Meeting

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD**
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
UnCommon Charter High School NYCHA Tower Hall

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH**
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall – Community Room
Let’s Talk about Epilepsy, Brooklyn!

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH**
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Salem Missionary Baptist Church
Citizen Preparedness Corps Training Program

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH**
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Tao Chi Foundation Brooklyn Community Health Day

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH**
11:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts – Walt Whitman Theatre
A Celebration of Praise and Thanksgiving Musical Concert

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH**
3:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall – Community Room
Uniform Land Use Review Procedure Public Hearing

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH**
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall – Community Room
One-on-One Assistance Clinic

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’ paperless notifications, like his Facebook page, and follow @BPEricAdams on Twitter.

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Commemorating National Latino AIDS Awareness Day, Borough President Adams and Deputy Borough President Reyes partnered with Translators of Network at Brooklyn Borough Hall on Wednesday, October 12th to present the borough premiere of “El Acompañante.” This Cuban film focused on the relationship between a boxing champion and an HIV-positive patient. Latinos comprise the second-largest population of AIDS cases in Brooklyn.

Viva l’Italia! Brooklyn is home to one of the proudest and most historic Italian-American populations in the country. On Thursday, October 13th, Borough

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Borough President Adams helped commemorate the preservation of the Fort Greene Council site for the Graces Aged Homeward Senior Center and Young Minds Day Care in Clinton Hill, the non-profit organization, which has served the community for more than 40 years, was at risk of not having its lease renewed, leading to him and a coalition of local elected officials, headed by Council Member Laurie A. Cumbo, advocating for two years on their behalf.

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President Adams honored their rich tradition in the borough during his annual heritage celebration at Brooklyn Borough Hall. The event, which honored the contributions of the Columbian Lawyers Association of Brooklyn, featured a taste of local restaurants and a cultural dance performance.

It’s a heroes’ welcome! Borough President Adams honored his latest Heroes of the Month on Friday, October 14th at Brooklyn Borough Hall, including a bakery in Bedford-Stuyvesant operated by formerly homeless and incarcerated men, a number of police officers who saved victims on the brink of death in Fort Greene and Williamsburg, as well as a principal and her student-athletes.

Brooklyn walks with all, Borough President Adams led Team One Brooklyn, including a number of proud survivors, for the annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk in Prospect Park on Sunday, October 16th. To help raise funds for the American Cancer Society’s fight against the disease, he created a limited-edition long-sleeve shirt that Brooklynettes were able to purchase at the event.

The People’s House is alive with art. In recognition of National Arts and Humanities Month, Borough President Adams partnered with Seth Tuska on an exhibit of his father’s artwork at Brooklyn Borough Hall titled “Myths: Tuska’s Art of Self Reflection.” The display celebrating the Brooklyn-bred artist, which ran from Monday, October 17th through Friday, October 21st, continues Borough President Adams’ commitment to opening the building for a variety of free cultural exhibitions.

Citi Bike is expanding! The popular bike share program, which has been supported by Borough President Adams, is preparing to roll into Crown Heights, Prospect Heights, and Prospect-Lefferts Gardens. He co-hosted a community planning workshop on Wednesday, October 19th at Hope City Empowerment Center in Prospect Heights with Citi Bike, the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT), and a number of local stakeholders.

Home is where the heart is, and increasing local homeownership was at the heart of Borough President Adams’ agenda during his recent Brooklyn Borough Hall events. He partnered with Bridge Street Development Corporation on a free workshop for new and existing homeowners on Thursday, October 20th, which focused on important skills for preserving one’s property and preventing foreclosure. Additionally, Borough President Adams teamed up with Investors Bank and the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry for a homebuyers seminar on Tuesday, October 25th.

Public safety is paramount. Borough President Adams, a 22-year veteran of the New York City Police Department (NYPD), joined with an array of local elected officials and community-based organizations as they held a public safety town hall at Medgar Evers College in Crown Heights on Thursday, October 20th.

It’s about surviving AND thriving. Borough President Adams’ second annual celebration of domestic violence survivors and the organizations that advocate on their behalf was held on Friday, October 21st at Brooklyn Borough Hall. The event honored the courage, resilience, and strength of the attendees with a day of activities and workshops focused on relaxation, rejuvenation, and elevation.

In time with National Arts and Humanities Month, Borough President Adams hosted a cultural arts roundtable on Wednesday, October 5th at Brooklyn Borough Hall for elected officials as well as advocates, administrators, and professionals in the arts to discuss the importance of fostering creativity in Brooklyn’s communities. The dialogue focused on addressing the needs for affordable space, diversity, and funding, as well as highlighted recommendations that he made in a policy report issued this June; a copy of his analysis is available on his website. At the roundtable, the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs (DCLA) highlighted an opportunity for Brooklynites to add their voice and ideas to the conversation about the future of New York City’s arts and culture landscape. CreateNYC’s Brooklyn Cultural Arts Roundtable on Wednesday, October 5th at Brooklyn Borough Hall will be held at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, December 6th at Brooklyn Borough Hall. Those with inquiries regarding access or accommodations are asked to contact disabilityfacilitator@culture.nyc.gov.

On Wednesday, October 26th, Borough President Adams and Deputy Borough President Reyna hosted an information session for the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA)’s Family Re-Entry Pilot Program. The initiative, a collaborative effort with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), New York City Department of Homeless Services (DHS), Corporation of Supportive Housing, and Vera Institute of Justice, helps reunite select individuals leaving prison and jail with their families who live in qualified public housing apartments and provides the returning individual with re-entry services. Eligible individuals must demonstrate that they are motivated to make a positive change in their lives and must agree to intensive case management services. Participants will be given a two-year temporary permission to reside in the household while they are enrolled in the program. At the end of two years, if the pilot participant successfully completes the requirements of the program, his/her family can request that he/she be added to the NYCHA household on a permanent basis. More information about this program is available by calling (212) 306-6024 or emailing family.reentry@nycha.nyc.gov.

COMMUNITY ALERTS

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.

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