The borough’s rich restaurant offerings. The restaurant week, Dine In Brooklyn on Tuesday, February 21st, advancing his Borough President Adams launched the 2017 edition of services across the borough. Brooklyn and advocated for partnerships with information. Borough President Adams and State Senator programs by empowering communities through increased decisions including increasing funding by the New York ork State Early Childhood Development Task Force, a project spearheaded by Borough President Adams and State Senator Daniel Squadron, unveiled a report on Thursday, February 2nd, that showcased statistical evidence for three years. Their findings emphasized the importance of greater financial investment in early childhood development, which can have direct impacts on their life through adulthood. The task force released a series of policy recommendations including increasing funding by the New York State Senate Democrats Policy Group, as well as strategic partnerships with the New York City Children’s Cabinet to coordinate and integrate services to provide a continuum of care. It also recommended expanding access to evidence-based early childhood development programs by empowering communities through increased information. Borough President Adams and State Senator Squadron committed to creating and disseminating a resource guide on early childhood services available across Brooklyn and advocated for partnerships with community-based organizations and networks to increase awareness about the importance of these programs and services across the borough.

Borough President Adams launched the 2017 edition of 3rd Annual Brooklyn Restaurant Week, an event that promotes the local culinary scene and increases tourism. The initiative is inspired in part by Mayor Bill de Blasio’s 30 Points to Promote Wellness including reducing the number of sugar-sweetened drinks. A variety of opportunities for businesses to engage their employees in healthy activities year-round can also earn points, all of which go toward earning a Bronze Heart, Silver Heart, or Gold Heart designation.

On Tuesday, February 28th, Borough President Adams launched the Brooklyn Healthy Workplaces Challenge alongside the American Heart Association (AHA), aimed at changing the dietary and exercise habits at businesses across the borough. The initiative is inspired in part by Borough President Adams’ desire to expand his personal struggle against Type 2 diabetes to a boroughwide campaign against diseases sparked by poor food choices. The challenge’s mission is to make the healthy choice the default choice through a “culture of health,” starting with the food and beverage options both inside and outside one’s place of employment. Companies that register to participate by Friday, September 1st by visiting barth wellness. From noon to 8:00 PM, the Brooklyn Borough Hall is transformed into a stage for a mass protest against the Trump administration’s “Muslim Ban,” which limited entry to the United States for immigrants and refugees from seven predominantly Muslim countries, including Yemen, along with Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, and Syria. Bodega owners closed their businesses from noon to 8:00 PM in protest, refusing to travel to the rally and speak out against the executive order. The rally, organized by Borough President Adams and community leaders, also featured stirring calls to prayer in Columbus Park. Gong Xi Fa Cai! Borough President Adams opened Brooklyn Borough Hall for a festive celebration of the Lunar New Year on Thursday, February 2nd. The cultural gathering, themed in recognition of the Year of the Rooster, featured a traditional dragon dance and lion dance as well as folk music performed by the Mencius Youth Chinese Orchestra. Borough President Adams also recognized an array of Chinese-Americans from the borough for their community contributions.

In the wake of recent attacks on houses of worship, Borough President Adams partnered with the Anti-Defamation League on an interfaith seminar at Brooklyn Borough Hall on Monday, March 13th, focused on securing religious and communal institutions. A packed audience of faith-based and community leaders received vital information from law enforcement and security experts about threats of violence, as well as how to prepare against and react to an emergency situation. Presentations were made by the New York City Police Department (NYPD), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and the US Attorney’s Office.
related to inequities in the criminal justice system and needed reforms.

Property values were the focus of workshops held at Brooklyn Borough Hall on Thursday, February 16th and Thursday, February 23rd, as Borough President Adams partnered with the New York City Department of Finance (DOF) and the New York City Tax Commission. Homeowners and business owners were able to dispute their property’s assessed values, get their property descriptions changed, as well as apply for available exemptions.

“A Tree Grows in Brooklyn,” of course! Borough President Adams picked the classic Betty Smith narrative as his choice for the City’s One Book, One New York initiative, a first-of-its-kind effort to have a unified book for all New Yorkers to read at the same time. He cast his vote during a visit to a bookshop held at Brooklyn Borough Hall on Thursday, February 26th, co-sponsored by Borough President Adams and State Senator Jesse Hamilton. The gathering advanced work on DCLA’s CreateNYC initiative, a cultural plan incorporating intensive public input to create a long-term roadmap for promoting diversity and greater equity in the city’s cultural life.

As part of Black History Month, Borough President Adams and the Weeksville Heritage Center hosted their annual “A Walk in History Clergy Tour & Breakfast” on Thursday, February 25th. The multidisciplinary museum, Brooklyn’s largest African-American cultural institution, is dedicated to preserving the history of the 19th century community of Weeksville—one of America’s first free black communities. Borough President Adams’ aim in holding this event is to encourage houses of worship to promote the center to their congregations.

Borough President Adams, the first person of color to serve as Brooklyn’s chief executive, hosted his annual Black History Month celebration on Wednesday, February 22nd at Brooklyn Borough Hall, where he spotlighted the legacy of the borough’s African-American cultural legacy. The event, featuring a diverse display of creative expression from live jazz to painting galleries, recognized a handful of local residents for their commitment to advancing the borough through art, dance, and music.

¡Feliz Dia de la Independencia Dominicana! Borough President Adams joined Deputy Borough President Reyna, the first Dominican-American woman elected to office in the history of New York State, to celebrate the 173rd birthday of the Dominican Republic with a cultural celebration at Brooklyn Borough Hall on Tuesday, February 28th. As of 2014, three out of every 100 Brooklynites were of Dominican descent.

Borough President Adams, joined by community advocates such as Organizations United for Trash Reduction & Garbage Equity (OUTRAGE) and civic leaders like Brooklyn Community Board 1 (CB 1) District Manager Dawn A. Espozo, addressed the media in Greenpoint on the feared environmental and public health harm that may result from the State’s planned implosion of the Kosciuszko Bridge. 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 topics such as alternate side parking, sidewalk pickup, or other community matters, including the topics in this month’s update, call the Center at (718) 802-3700.