On Tuesday, August 1st, Borough President Adams invited Brooklynites to celebrate National Night Out Against Crime, a nationwide event celebrated annually since 1984 in which police departments host community events for an evening of activities aimed at building greater partnerships with local residents. Community members joined officers from the New York City Police Department (NYPD) at public parks across Brooklyn including in Brooklyn Heights, Coney Island, and Greenpoint. "Out of many, we are one!" That was the spirit at Brooklyn’s 4th Annual International Day of Friendship, which took place at Brooklyn Borough Hall and Columbus Park on Sunday, August 6th. The festival started with a Unity Parade of Flags featuring the flags of 195 nations marching down Fulton Street. The day also included artistic and cultural performances, local food trucks, a new Global Village of tents showcasing different cultures, and Brooklyn Fusion, a cultural conversation with immigrants offering unique perspectives on assimilating to American life.

A new class of community board members representing every part of Brooklyn was sworn in at a ceremony held in the Courtroom of Brooklyn Borough Hall on Tuesday, August 8th. New and incumbent members of the 18 community boards will represent their neighbors in matters dealing with land use and other neighborhood issues. 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.

Aging with dignity! Borough President Adams hosted his fourth annual “Seniors by the Sea” celebration on Friday, August 11th. The event, which catered to more than 600 seniors from across Brooklyn, took place at the Marine Academic Center at Kingsborough Community College in Manhattan Beach. Guests were treated to a free catered lunch, musical entertainment, a photo booth,
and senior-targeted resources from service providers. The event was sponsored by AlfaCare; Fidelis Care; Healthfirst; JiG; National Grid; One Brooklyn Fund, Inc.; Target, and WellCare.

The 4th Annual “Push 4 Peace” Town Hall was held on Saturday, August 12th in the Courtroom of Brooklyn Borough Hall. The event, aimed at providing alternatives to violence and gang involvement for young people, was co-hosted by Borough President Adams along with HOT 97’s Lisa Evers and her “Street Soldiers” team. Young people from across the borough came together under the theme of “Make Music, Not War” to discuss how music is making our lives and communities better.

Borough President Adams congratulated young graduates of the 2017 Youth Police Academy at a ceremony on Monday, August 14th at Barclays Center. More than 2,000 young people ages 10 to 16 participated in the event. The students completed a rigorous six-week program that emphasized the importance of discipline, education, and good citizenship. The students learned about law enforcement through first-hand experience with police officers and school safety officers.

Let the music play! The Wingate Concert Series made a smashing return to Wingate Park in East Flatbush with “The Legends of Hip-Hop” on Monday, August 14th, as well as “The Soul of R&B” on Monday, August 21st, and “Afro-Caribbean Flavor” on Tuesday, August 22nd. Due to rain, a “Gospel Celebration” was hosted at Pilgrim Baptist Cathedral on Monday, August 7th. Borough President Adams hosted the concert series.

In the spirit of encouraging more cycling across Brooklyn, Borough President Adams participated in the grand opening of Citi Bike’s new warehouse facility in Gowanus. The event, held on Tuesday, August 15th, brought together Citi Bike CEO, Jay Walder, along with Council Member Brad Lander, representatives from TWU Local 100, and cycling advocates from across the borough. The facility will be used to repair and store bikes used by the public.

Borough President Adams co-hosted town hall meetings with Mayor de Blasio and local elected officials at the Coney Island YMCA in Coney Island on Thursday, August 24th, and at the Williamsburg Community Center in Williamsburg on Wednesday, August 30th. The public forums provided an opportunity for local residents to discuss issues ranging from affordable housing to transportation.

Pride in Guyana! On Wednesday, August 30th, Borough President Adams hosted the Guyana Cultural Association’s annual awards ceremony and reception in the Courtroom of Brooklyn Borough Hall. The event featured the president of the Guyana Cultural Association of New York, Dr. Vibert Cambridge, as well as its members, along with the New York State Council on the Arts and honorees who have achieved excellence in the Guyanese-American community.
Onlookers gathered at the Plaza outside Brooklyn Borough Hall to witness a partial solar eclipse on Monday, August 21st. Borough President Adams joined lunchtime spectators to witness the historic astronomical event.

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The 1990s hit R&B group, Allure, sang their hit single “All Cried Out” in Wingate Park on Monday, August 21st. Their performance was part of “The Soul of R&B,” the third night of Borough President Adams’ Wingate Concert Series held throughout the month of August.

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Greenpoint has been rocked by acts of hate and violence in recent weeks. On Monday, August 14th, a local resident in the area found a business card advertising the neo-Nazi hate group, New Order, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, near McGolrick Park. The organization also recently left their cards at a bus stop near Driggs and Graham avenues. In addition, a swastika made of duct tape was also discovered on a picnic table at the park. A few days later, on Friday, August 18th, George Carroll, 42, was fatally stabbed in the chest outside McGolrick Park on Monitor Street. The alleged suspect, 19-year-old Gary Correa, has not been caught. In response to these distressing events, the local community organized a “Love and Unity” vigil outside McGolrick Park on Monday, August 21st in the spirit of solidarity. Borough President Adams thanks all those beating back hate in the neighborhood and asks anyone with information on the fatal stabbing in Greenpoint to call NYPD Crime Stoppers at 1 (800) 577-TIPS.

Borough President Adams joined Mayor de Blasio, NYPD Commissioner James O’Neill, and community leaders in announcing enhanced security measures for the 2017 J’Ouvert Celebration, designed to prevent violent activity. The new enhancements, which were unveiled at the Brooklyn Public Library on Monday, August 21st, include hundreds of additional uniformed officers — an increase of more than 10 percent from last year — who will provide security at 12 entry points and along the two-mile parade route. All participants will be checked for weapons and alcoholic beverages, and backpacks and other large bags will be prohibited. Additional light towers, representing a 30 percent increase from last year, will be placed along the parade route, along with the deployment of additional high-resolution security cameras. The festival, which celebrates West Indian culture and history, will take place from 6:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Monday, September 4th, in Crown Heights. For more information, please visit nyc.gov/jouvert.

On Thursday, August 24th, Borough President Adams invited New Yorkers, especially medical industry professionals and health-conscious Brooklynites, to a public conversation with the influential physician and author of the New York Times best-seller “How Not to Die,” Dr. Michael Greger, who inspired a reversal of his Type 2 diabetes diagnosis. The discussion will take place in the Courtroom of Brooklyn Borough Hall on Friday, September 8th at 6:00 PM in partnership with the Coalition for Healthy School Fund, a non-profit organization Borough President Adams is working with to help introduce and promote plant-based nutrition in the borough’s school cafeterias. Dr. Greger will discuss the role that a healthy diet can have on preventing, stopping, and reversing chronic disease. To RSVP, please visit brooklyn-usa.org/event/how-not-to-die-a-conversation-with-dr-michael-greger/.

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.
On Monday, August 7th, Borough President Adams announced his support for Mayor de Blasio’s proposal calling on the most financially prosperous New Yorkers to contribute more in tax revenue to meet the long-term needs of our subways. Borough President Adams stated that the proposal is a sound revenue stream for funding future upgrades that will improve straphangers’ daily commutes, while expanding access to hundreds of thousands of low-income Brooklynites who face barriers to economic opportunity because they cannot afford to ride a bus or train. He noted that amidst this current emergency and the countless repairs needed in the coming weeks, greater accountability and transparency are needed over existing MTA funds, including billions of dollars already allocated by the City. He stated “The State can no longer be permitted to raid the system’s coffers for extraneous projects. We deserve a sensible and sustainable solution to our city’s coffers for extraneous projects. We deserve a fair fix.”

As a result of advocacy by Borough President Adams and a coalition of community leaders led by State Senator Daniel Squadron, Assembly Member Jo Anne Simon, and Council Member Brad Lander, four school-based health clinics announced they will remain open for at least another year after being threatened with closure due to State budget cuts. He called these clinics “a prescriptive and preventive early intervention that safeguards our children’s physical and psychological wellbeing.” On Wednesday, August 9th, SUNY Downstate Medical Center announced that they will continue to operate MS 51 William Alexander in Park Slope; The Brooklyn New School PS 146 and Brooklyn School for Collaborative Studies in Carroll Gardens; PS 38 The Pacific School in Boerum Hill, as well as Boerum Hill School for International Studies, Digital Arts and Cinema Technology High School, and Success Academy in Cobble Hill.

The 43-year-old Swinging Sixties Senior Center and Small World Day Care Center in Williamsburg were saved from eviction after Borough President Adams allotted $1.5 million to St. Nicks Alliance — a non-profit organization serving low- and middle-income residents of North Brooklyn — to fund the purchase of the building housing these organizations. The senior center serves around 150 senior citizens each day for activities, coffee, and hot meals. The day care center provides a nurturing and safe learning environment for children ages two to seven in a variety of enrichment programs specifically designed for emotional, intellectual, and social development. Facilities include two large outdoor play yards, two indoor play rooms, a school library, and a state-of-the-art kitchen, where staff prepare delicious and healthy meals daily for the children. A community celebration took place on Thursday, August 17th, and included attendees such as Council Member Antonio Reynoso, Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation, Community Board 1, and Conselyea Street Block Association.

In response to a land use application to enable construction of an eight-story mixed-use building known as Edwin’s Place on Livonia Avenue between Grafton Street and Howard Avenue, Borough President Adams unveiled his Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) recommendations to approve the application on Monday, August 21st, following months of dialogue with local stakeholders and community activists. Borough President Adams proposed that the New York City Department of City Planning (DCP) undertake a study of affordable housing opportunities along the MTA’s 3 line corridor in Brooklyn. He also emphasized the need for the MTA to expedite a permanent no-cost connection between the Junius Street station on the 3 line and the Livonia Avenue station on the L line by immediately instituting a free out-of-station transfer. He also highlighted how Edwin’s Place, as well as his suggested planning study, help advance the goals of the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD)’s Brooklyn Plan, which seeks to create more than 2,500 affordable homes and coordinate more than $150 million in City investments to holistically enhance the neighborhood.

### LATEST INITIATIVES

#### Second Thursday of Every Month
- **2nd 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**

#### Third Monday of Every Month
- **10:00 AM – 4:00 PM**
- **Brooklyn Borough Hall – Room G-80**
- **FREE Legal Services for All – Family Law**

### Upcoming Events

#### Everyday Monday Through Friday
- **Varying 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**

#### Second Wednesday of Every Month
- **2:00 PM – 5:00 PM**
- **Brooklyn Borough Hall – Room G-80**
- **FREE Legal Services for All – Foreclosure Intervention Prevention Services**

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#### Wednesday, September 13th
- **5:30 PM – 9:30 PM**
- **Brooklyn Borough Hall – Courtroom**
- **Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) Public Hearing**

#### Saturday, September 16th
- **6:30 PM**
- **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 110 Pennsylvania Avenue, East New York**
- **Citizen Preparedness Corps Training Program**

#### Sunday, September 24th
- **1:00 PM**
- **Brooklyn Bridge Park**
- **Mid-Autumn Moon Festival**

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 Twitter.