Borough President Adams co-hosted two community town halls with Mayor Bill de Blasio in the month of October. On Monday, October 2nd, he welcomed the Mayor at PS 13 Roberto Clemente in East New York, and on Tuesday, October 24th, they co-hosted a gathering of hundreds at PS 327 Dr. Rose B. English in Brooklyn. As both public forums, Borough President Adams directed a wide-ranging dialogue on a variety of topics including affordable housing, education, public health, and homelessness.

Partnering with Mi Casa es Puebla, Borough President Adams hosted a family reunification event at Brooklyn Borough Hall on Monday, October 2nd that connected immigrant families who live in the Tri-State area with 100 elderly relatives from the Mexican state of Puebla, who have been separated for more than two decades. The seniors, all over the age of 60, had the opportunity to live with their children and grandchildren for three weeks before returning home.

Mourning those killed in the Las Vegas mass shooting, Borough President Adams hosted an interfaith community vigil on the steps of Brooklyn Borough Hall on Tuesday, October 3rd. He joined anti-violence advocates, community leaders, and local clergy to remember those killed in the worst mass shooting in modern American history. Borough President Adams led a moment of silence and renewed his longstanding call for common-sense gun reform.

It’s playtime. On Wednesday, October 4th, the ribbon was cut for a new recreational space at Seth Low Playground in Bensonhurst, a project to bring new turf fields and adult fitness equipment. Borough President Adams celebrated how Brooklyn Borough Hall, in partnership with Council Member David Greenfield and NYC Parks, was able to secure the $1.9 million in funding for the improvements.

We’re building Brooklyn right! Borough President Adams’ groundbreaking Faith-Based Development Initiative, which has resulted in hundreds of affordable homes across the city, has received additional support from the Mayor’s Office of Faith-Based Community Initiatives and the Office of Recovery and Resiliency, which has allowed for the expansion and modernization of the Brooklyn Community Credit Union and the opening of a new branch in Crown Heights.

LATEST INITIATIVES

# Brooklyn Borough Hall Celebrates Praise and Thanksgiving

Brooklyn Borough Hall – Community Room

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH**
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Beyond at Liberty Vine
BP Cooking Demonstration

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH**
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Corner of Marcy and Division avenues
Free Fitness Fairs

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH**
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall – Community Room
Uniform Land Use Review Procedure Public Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH**
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall – Community Room
Plant-Based/Vegan Meeting

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH**
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall – Community Room
Transfying Celebration

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.

Borough President Adams flipped through “Cooking with Nonna,” authored by web series cooking sensation and Bensonhurst native Rossella Bocci, the office, visit 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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of new affordable housing units being created through partnerships with houses of worship, hosted informational forums on Thursday, October 5th at Brooklyn Borough Hall and on Friday, October 26th, in partnership with the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD), at St. Francis College in Brooklyn Heights.

Access YOUR resources! On Tuesday, October 10th, Borough President Adams hosted his annual One Brooklyn Resource Fair, where attendees were able to meet with City agencies and non-profits Brooklyn Borough Hall to have their questions answered. On Wednesday, October 25th, he co-sponsored the ‘City Hall in Your Borough’ event held at Brooklyn Borough Hall.

As part of City Hall in Your Borough, Borough President Adams invited Deputy Mayor Alicia Glen and the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce to a distillery walkthrough at Van Brunt Glen and the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, featured recognition of local Italian-Americans and a reception highlighted by a taste of Italy from over a dozen restaurants across the borough.

In commemoration of the fifth anniversary of Hurricane Sandy, local artist Anita Glaze launched “Watershed” on Thursday, October 24th, a large-scale video installation that transformed the sidewalk of the Brooklyn Public Library’s Red Hook Branch into a virtual seascape. The public art project, supported by Borough President Adams, was envisioned to encourage a dialogue on climate change issues that are particularly impactful to coastal communities like Red Hook.

Surviving and thriving is the theme of Borough President Adams’ annual domestic violence awareness event of empowerment, held this year on Monday, October 30th in the Community Room and Rotunda at Brooklyn Borough Hall. The gathering was a celebration of courage, resilience, and strength from survivors and organizations working to combat domestic violence. Participants enjoyed mini-makeovers, spa relaxation techniques, and dance performances, as well as a panel discussion with survivors and anti-violence activists.

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If you would like to know more about the ongoing relief effort, please call Pastor Gifford Monroe from Borough President Adams’ Office of Faith-Based and Clergy Initiatives by calling (718) 802-3761 or emailing gmonroe@brooklynhp.ny.gov.

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Borough President Adams rode alongside local cyclists at Grand Army Plaza in celebration of the news that Prospect Park will be permanently car-free starting next January.

Borough President Adams took in a demonstration of the mechanics at the Fregal Princess, a ship docked at the Brooklyn Cruise Terminal.

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As part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, First Lady Chirlane McCray announced the expansion of support programming to prevent and combat domestic violence across New York City. The new support will include an additional $3.97 million of investment from the City to prevent and reduce domestic violence, including healthy relationship education in 31 middle schools, a new comprehensive web-based portal and public awareness campaign, and provision of new resources to help survivors stay in their homes. An estimated one in 10 teens in a dating relationship report experienced physical dating violence in the past year, and that number is double for LGBTQ-identified youth and triple for pregnant or parenting teens. The Monday, October 23rd announcement at Brooklyn Law School in Downtown Brooklyn emanated from the work of the City’s Domestic Violence Task Force, which Borough President Adams took part in alongside community activists, health care practitioners, and survivors to find tangible solutions to the abuse and to root out its causes. More information is available at nyc.gov/domesticviolence.

Starting on January 2nd, 2018, Prospect Park will be permanently car-free. The change, long called for by Borough President Adams, was announced at a celebration in Grand Army Plaza on Monday, October 23rd. The City permanently closed the park’s West Drive to traffic in 2015, and the East Drive was closed to vehicle traffic for an eight-week trial period this summer to gauge community input. When the road reopened after the Labor Day weekend, more than 1100 signatures were collected by local residents calling for a return of full-time car-free hours for the entire park. The policy change will encourage safer streets and walkways for both cyclists and pedestrians within the park, as well as help preserve the natural greenery of Brooklyn’s largest park. For more information on Prospect Park, please visit prospectpark.org.