On Wednesday, March 14th, Borough President Adams launched his fourth year of Brooklyn Crochets for a Cause, a program which brings warmth to those in need by providing blankets, hats, scarves, and other garments made by volunteer crocheters at Brooklyn Borough Hall. This year’s theme is aimed at providing warm garments to multiple shelters in Brooklyn. The most recent Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE) street survey, conducted by the City last February, found nearly 4,000 homeless individuals on the streets that night. In previous years, Brooklyn Crochets for a Cause garments were made for autistic children, organ donation patients, and those undergoing kidney disease. In mid-February, Borough President Adams distributed winter garments to multiple shelters in Brooklyn.

On Monday, March 19th, the first day of a new truck delivery rule restricting services to the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT), Borough President Adams addressed the concerns of small businesses and traffic congestion along Flatbush Avenue. The program, called Ellen’s Curbs, will restrict new hour-long delivery times through Syndicate Grand Avenue and Flatbush Avenue, which together account for more than 90 percent of goods moved by trucks in Brooklyn, and the increased number of semitrailer trucks on Flatbush have led to more double parking, reduced mobility for vehicle traffic, slower speeds and backing up, greater risks for cyclists, and asvelines in crosswalks.

Standing with members of the North Flatbush Avenue Partnership and other advocates for safety, DOT added the busiest corridor between Brooklyn College and Flatbush Avenue to the program’s list. “The residents of North Flatbush Street are tired of the parking issues we are facing on a daily basis,” said Assembly Member Rodneyse Bichotte. “I am so pleased to see that Borough President Adams is supporting our efforts to make this corridor safer and more pedestrian-friendly.”

The program, which will run through May 30th, will restrict deliveries to 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Businesses along Flatbush Avenue. He also asked DOT to engage in partnership with the New York City Police Department (NYPD), to engage in joint enforcement efforts to remove dangerous ticketing from the corridor. DOT also announced an expanded 5:00 AM – 7:00 AM truck delivery window.

On Second Thursday of Every Month, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall – Courtroom
Financial Education Expo

On Third Monday of Every Month, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall – Community Room
Stop ‘N’ Swap

On Fourth Thursday of Every Month, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall – Plaza
Arab-American Heritage Celebration

On Saturday, April 7th, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall – Community Room
#NoButtsAboutIt!

On Tuesday, April 10th, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall – Courtroom
#Brooklyn PRO

On Wednesday, April 11th, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall – Community Room
Financially Savvy Youth Conference

If you have an interest in any of these events, please contact us by visiting brooklyn-usa.gov or by calling our event hotline at (718) 802-2328. Additionally, to stay up-to-date with the office, visit brooklyn-usa.gov to sign up for Borough President Adams’ e-mail updates, check out his Facebook page, and follow (GOP)EricAdams on Twitter.

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opportunity to mobilize for gun reform. On Saturday, March 24th, Borough President Adams sponsored several buses of students departing for the March For Our Lives gun control rally in Washington, D.C.

Happy St. Patrick’s Day! Borough President Adams joined Brooklynites in honoring the rich culture and history of Irish-Americans in the borough at his annual Irish-American Heritage Celebration. The festive occasion at Brooklyn Borough Hall on Thursday, March 15th featured Irish cuisine and libations, traditional dancing from the O’Malley Irish Dance Academy in Marine Park, as well as musical entertainment from the Brooklyn Bards, a traditional Irish band, and Chris Byrne, founding member of New York-based Celtic rock band Black 47.

Be the belle and beau of the ball! The annual prom dress and suit donation drive hosted by Borough President Adams and the Junior League of Brooklyn launched at Brooklyn Borough Hall on Friday, March 16th. The initiative seeks to provide young women and men with formalwear for senior prom and graduation festivities, including new or gently-used dresses and suits, formal shoes of all sizes and styles, jewelry, ties, and accessories. The donation deadline is Saturday, April 21st. The event provided young attendees with information on employment opportunities, internships, music programs, and summer camps.

ΠΥΡΩΝΑΤΕ την Ελλάδα! On Monday, March 19th, Borough President Adams celebrated Greek-American heritage at his annual celebratory event held in the Courtroom at Brooklyn Borough Hall. Attendees enjoyed delicious Greek fare as well as traditional dancing from the A. Fantis Parochial School in Downtown Brooklyn, D.G. Parochial School in Bay Ridge, and Hellenic Classical Charter School in South Slope.

In celebration of Women’s History Month observed in the month of March, Borough President Adams hosted two events at Brooklyn Borough Hall that brought together inspirational women from across the city. On Thursday, March 22nd, he hosted a Women in Faith Roundtable with female interfaith leaders to discuss a variety of issues, including domestic and gun violence, education, and mental health. On Thursday, March 29th, Borough President Adams capped off the month with his annual Women’s History Month celebration that was highlighted by awards to women from many walks of life for their service to others.

On Sunday, March 25th, Borough President Adams joined the Alliance for Coney Island at Deno’s Wonder Wheel in Coney Island to participate in the traditional “blessing of the rides” and egg cream christening of the Cyclone, which officially opens the amusement park season for the spring and summer months.

Reading is fundamental. On Monday, March 26th, Borough President Adams joined Brooklyn Community Services at the launch of their “Read by Example” week. He read Addie Boswell’s “The Rain Stomper” to an excited classroom of four-year-old children at Duffield Children’s Center in Downtown Brooklyn, sharing with them his love of literature.

Borough President Adams took New York gubernatorial candidate Cynthia Nixon on a visit to Albany Houses, a New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) development in Crown Heights, on Wednesday, March 28th. They met with Tenant Association President Joann Campbell and residents of the development on a tour of several apartments in states of disrepair in order to keep a bright spotlight on the need for a solution to chronic neglect of public housing.

On Monday, March 12th, Borough President Adams co-sponsored the Kicks March for Safe Streets in Park Slope, attended by hundreds of concerned parents, children, and local advocates. Organized in partnership with Bed-Stuy Safe Streets, Families for Safe Streets, Park Slope Neighbors, Transportation Alternatives, and other community organizations, the community call to action followed a horrific incident on Monday, March 5th at the intersection of Fifth Avenue and Ninth Street in Park Slope, in which a driver ran a red light and killed one-year-old Joshua Law and three-year-old Abigail Blumenstein. That followed an incident on Friday, January 26th, in which an oil truck driver fatally struck 13-year-old Kevin Angel Flores in Bedford-Stuyvesant. The march began at Ninth Street and Prospect Park West and concluded at the crash site at Ninth Street and Fifth Avenue. In speaking to the crowd, Borough President Adams emphasized that “achieving Vision Zero demands real action that holds dangerous drivers accountable and keeps them off our roadways.” To learn more about Vision Zero, visit nyc.gov/visionzero.

Borough President Adams hosted residents of Park Slope, South Slope, and Windsor Terrace at a public meeting at Holy Name Church in South Slope on Wednesday, March 14th to discuss the findings of a study on the Prospect Expressway corridor, conducted at his request by New York University (NYU) Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service’s Capstone program. The community workshop, which included business owners and local workers, engaged the community in a conversation on the future of the nearly two-mile roadway and its surrounding environment. To submit your views on the study, email psforward@gi- mail.com or visit goo.gl/PH17Z to take a short survey on the corridor.

Amid a nationwide opioid crisis, Borough President Adams announced a series of free overdose prevention trainings to teach Brooklynites how to save lives with naloxone. The announcement was made on Monday, March 27th in partnership with the Brooklyn Public Library (BPL), New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), New York City Police Department (NYPD), and the Brooklyn Committee of Alcoholism and Addictive Services. Free trainings will be held on select dates at nine locations throughout Brooklyn starting on Thursday, April 5th. Attendees will be trained on how to recognize and reverse an overdose and restore breathing using the lifesaving medication naloxone, while learning how to become a certified opioid overdose responder. Free overdose rescue kits with naloxone will be distributed to all participants. According to data compiled by the New York City Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) and the DOHMH Bureau of Vital Statistics, in 2016, there were 297 overdose deaths in Brooklyn, the second-highest total of the five boroughs, with Bay Ridge, Bensonhurst, Bushwick, East New York, and Willamsburg the most severely impacted. To attend a training, call (718) 802-4299 or visit brooklyn-usa.org/narcan.

Borough President Adams announced that this year’s participatory budgeting (PB) voting period at Brooklyn Borough Hall will be a voting site from Monday, April 9th to Friday, April 13th from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. PB empowers Brooklynites with a voice in deciding how tax dollars are spent on community improvement projects such as libraries, parks, schools, streets, and more. For the third year in a row, Borough President Adams is committing $1 million of his capital budget, apportioned equally to winning projects from the votes conducted by the 10 council members in the borough who are participating in PB this year. Everyone in participating districts who is over the age of 11, or at least in sixth grade, can make their voice heard by voting on which projects should win funding this year. To learn more about the process, including information on voting sites and eligible projects across the borough, visit brooklyn-usa.org/pb.

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 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) 802-3705.

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