LATEST INITIATIVES

Borough President Adams unveiled his recommendations on Wednesday, April 4th for a proposed rezoning along portions of Hanson Place, South Elliott Place, and South Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, as part of a Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) response to approve with conditions applications submitted by South Portland LLC and Randolph Hag Day Care Center, Inc. to facilitate the redevelopment of the property at 163-165 South Portland Avenue into a 10-story mixed-use building with 100 dwelling units that are all designated as affordable housing. The proposal was issued following a 12-month period of dialogue with local stakeholders and community activists, highlighted by a public hearing he hosted at Brooklyn Borough Hall on Tuesday, February 20th. Borough President Adams recommended advanced stages in the City Land Use Review Process jointly proposed by the Hanson Place Seventh Day Adventist Church and MDG Design + Construction, in keeping with his groundbreaking Faith-Based Development Initiative. Concurrently, he called for maintaining the proposed rezoning to exclude any non-contextual development, in keeping with his administration’s standing policy and supporting the calls of Brooklyn Community Board 2 (CB 2).

On Saturday, April 14th, Borough President Adams joined newly appointed New York City Department of Education (DOE) Chancellor Richard Carranza, Eagle Adams, and hundreds of students and mentors at JHS 292 in celebration of the Academy Mentoring Program, a groundbreaking partnership between the Mayor’s Young Men’s Initiative, DOE Office of Equity and Access, and EAF that aims to develop and support a network of young men of color from grades 6-12 to excel as future leaders committed to community service, scholarship, excellence, and strong character. Borough President Adams, who secured $3 million in City funding for the Eagle Project, highlighted the importance of effectively engaging young men of color and schools learning from each other on educational models that make the most impact on the borough’s future young leaders. EAF’s network of public schools stands as a national model of academic excellence and student-centered development for urban young men of color. In addition to JHS 292 Margaret W. Douglas, the Eagle Project pairs EAF with Mott Hall IV in Bed-Stuy, Southerne Community College, Baruch College, and Country Day Schools in Brooklyn. It is designed to develop the critical thinking and problem-solving skills of students in grades 6-12 to excel as future leaders committed to community service, scholarship, excellence, and strong character.

Borough President Adams hailed a first-of-its-kind empowerment partnership with Kennedy Congregate LLC, a venture started by local entrepreneur Margaret Sinnott in East New York, and hundreds of students and mentors at MS 246 Walt Whitman in Brownsville, Mary McLeod Bethune Academy and Ronald Edmonds Middle School in Flatbush, Association of Academic Excellence and Sunnyside Middle School and Kappa V in Brownsville, MS 394 Flatbush, Mott Hall IV in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brownsville Collaborative School, and Kappa V in Brownsville, MS 294 of academic excellence and student-centered development for urban young men of color. In addition to JHS 292 Margaret W. Douglas, the Eagle Project pairs EAF with Mott Hall IV in Bed-Stuy, Southerne Community College, Baruch College, and Country Day Schools in Brooklyn. It is designed to develop the critical thinking and problem-solving skills of students in grades 6-12 to excel as future leaders committed to community service, scholarship, excellence, and strong character.

In an effort to highlight minority entrepreneurship in Brooklyn, Borough President Adams hosted an IBLackkUFFed tour of black-owned coffee shops in the borough, aiming to highlight the power of local businesses, particularly those owned by African-Americans, in revitalizing communities that have experienced decades of economic stagnation. He kicked off his tour on Friday, April 20th at Bushwick Grind, a coffee shop and community gathering place where he tried handcrafted drinks, pastries, and sandwiches, and at Bittersweet, a coffee shop and ice cream parlor in Fort Greene. To date, his tour has also taken him to Corner Grind and Montage Cafe in Bed-Stuy, as well as Sol Sips in Bushwick. Follow the IBLackkUFFed tour on social media and, as Borough President Adams said, “Don’t just post about them, patronize them!”

May’s LATEST INITIATIVES:

**WHAT’S UP AT BROOKLYN BOROUGH HALL?**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**EVERY MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM**

- Brooklyn Borough Hall – Room G-80
- FREE Legal Services for All – Domestic Violence
- Constituent Assistance Center
- Constituent Assistance Center Walk-In

**EVERY MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY VARIOUS TIMES**

- Brooklyn Borough Hall – Room G-80
- SCORE NYC Small Business Mentoring

**EVERY TUESDAY 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

- Brooklyn Borough Hall – Room G-80
- FREE Legal Services for All – Family Law

**FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

- Brooklyn Borough Hall – Room G-80
- FREE Legal Services for All – Domestic Violence

**THIRD MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

- Brooklyn Borough Hall – Room G-80
- FREE Legal Services for All – Foreclosure Intervention and Prevention

**SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

- Brooklyn Borough Hall – Room G-80
- FREE Legal Services for All – Foreclosure Intervention and Prevention

**SECOND 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

**VARIOUS DATES**

- Brooklyn Borough Hall – Room G-80
- FREE Overdose Prevention Training

**VARIOUS TIMES**

- Brooklyn Borough Hall – Room G-80
- FREE Legal Services for All – Education (DOE Cut-Offs)

**TUESDAY, MAY 1ST TO MAY 22ND 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

- Brooklyn Borough Hall – Community Room
- Brooklyn College Crochets for a Cause

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**WEDNESDAY, MAY 2ND 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

- Brooklyn Borough Hall
- Social Tech: Innovations for the Digital Age

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 2ND 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

- PS 247 The New York City College Partnership Elementary School/700 Credit Score Club

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 2ND AND MAY 23RD 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

- Brooklyn Botanic Garden
- Free Workshop: How To Green Your Black Hair

**FRIDAY, MAY 4TH 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM**

- Brooklyn Borough Hall – Courtyard
- Cosca de Mayo

**MONDAY, MAY 7TH**

- Brooklyn Borough Hall
- Plant-Based/Vegan Meetup

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 9TH TO JUNE 13TH 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

- Brooklyn Borough Hall – Place
- Scholarship Concert Series

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 16TH 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

- Brooklyn Borough Hall – Community Room
- Older Americans Month Celebration

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 16TH 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

- Brooklyn Children’s Museum
- Fighting Back Against The Opioid Epidemic

**If you have any interest in any of these events, please contact us by visiting brooklyn-usa.org or by calling our event hotline at (718) 902-2328. Additionally, to step-up to-date with the office, visit brooklyn-usa.org to sign up for Borough President Adams’ paperless notification system, like our Facebook page, and follow @BPEricAdams on Twitter.**

Happy Financial Education Empowerment Month! Borough President Adams kicked off a serious of financial literacy events with his Financial Savvy Youth Conference on Wednesday, April 4th at Brooklyn College in Flatbush. On Wednesday, April 18th, he teamed up with NIA Community Services Network and Operation HOPE to begin a three-week “700 Credit Score Club” course at PS 247 The New York City College Partnership Elementary School in Crown Heights. Capping off the month was his Financial Education Expo outside Brooklyn Borough Hall, featuring an interactive discussion on financial wellness hosted by News 12 Brooklyn’s Kristie Reeter and financial expert Jamila Souffrant.

Borough President Adams has launched a free series of prevention trainings on how to recognize and reverse an opioid overdose, as well as more breathing using the lifesaving medication naloxone. Hundreds of attendees came out to the Brooklyn Public Library’s New Lots Branch in East New York on Thursday, April 5th, and subsequent trainings have taken place on Tuesday, April 10th at the Sheepshead Bay Branch in Sheepshead Bay; Wednesday, April 18th at the Central Branch in Prospect Heights; Wednesday, April 25th at the Bedford-Stuyvesant Branch on Franklin Avenue, and Thursday, April 26th at the Coney Island Branch in Coney Island.

Borough President Adams and the BK Style Foundation teamed up twice last month at Brooklyn Borough Hall to harness the power of the borough’s growing fashion industry. On Thursday, April 5th, they held a fashion show to open Fashion Week Brooklyn, showcasing an array of local young designers and models they also partnered on a survivors’ ceremony for their annual international campaign to combat sexual violence that took place on Wednesday, April 25th, which led into a march over the Brooklyn Bridge.

Make your voice count! Voting for this year’s participatory budgeting (PB) cycle occurred from Saturday, April 7th to Sunday, April 15th, empowering Brooklynites in participating council districts to pick community-designed projects for funding. Brooklyn Borough Hall once again served as a voting site and, on Thursday, April 12th, Councilmember. As you marked your calendars for the May 21st council vote, remember to vote at the [Brooklyn Community Board 2 website](http://www.brooklyn-council.org/borough-hall.html) or in person at one of the below voting sites.

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Borough President Eric Adams’ Message of the Month

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Borough President Adams held ceremonial scissors as he stood with famed comedian Tracy Morgan (right-center), his wife Megan (left-center), and NYC Parks Commissioner Mitchell Silver (far right) to cut the ribbon for newly revitalized basketball courts and an arts mural at Marcy Playground in Bedford-Stuyvesant. Photo Credit: Erica Sherman/Brooklyn BP's Office

Borough President Adams joined Yemeni-American biofuel owners and community leaders in shutting down the 80th Street Del in Bay Ridge, in solidarity against the Trump Administra- tion’s executive order banning entry to the United States from Yemen and other Muslim-majority countries.

In celebration of Earth Week, Borough President Adams enjoyed a bike ride alongside dozens of local cyclists at his annual Bike-to-Work event, which started at the Willink entrance to Prospect Park and ended at Brooklyn Borough Hall. Photo Credit: Erica Sherman/Brooklyn BP's Office

In response to a “Punish a Muslim Day” flyer circulated in the United Kingdom calling on the public to attack Muslims indiscriminately on Tuesday, April 3rd, Borough President Adams convened an emergency meeting at the Pakistan American Youth Society in Ditmas Park on Monday, April 2nd to denounce this vitriolic hatred and incitement of violence, and to reassure the community that they will be kept safe from harm and harassment. Joining him were members of the New York City Police Department (NYPD) Muslim Officers Society, the nation’s first fraternal organization representing Muslim-American police officers.

On Wednesday, April 11th, Borough President Adams honored his latest set of “Heroes of the Month” in the Rotunda of Brooklyn Borough Hall. The hero for January was HTTN TV President and CEO Mike Nieves, a son of Puerto Rican immigrants from Bushwick who provided supplies to those in need following Hurricane Maria. February’s posthumous hero was Peter Wang, a Brooklyn-born student who lost his life saving others in the Parkland school shooting. Bedford-Stuyvesant’s Tamara Jenkins, a school safety officer who saved a student from a choking march her, was March’s hero, and Bensonhurst native Jamil Bedford-Stuyvesant’s Tamara Jenkins, a school Wang, a Brooklyn-born student who died his life in the United States from several Muslim-majority countries, including Yemen. Later that evening, Borough President Adams celebrated the richness of Arab-American culture and cuisine at a heritage event at Brooklyn Borough Hall.

Forgoing the murder of 26-year-old Brandy Odom, whose body was found dismem- bered in Canarsie Park on Monday, April 9th, Borough President Adams joined the community in a vigil on Thursday, April 12th to honor her memory and to plead for anyone to come forward with information on the potential perpetrator of this heinous crime. To keep the atten- tion on this case, in partnership with clergy mem- bers, community advocates, and local elected officials in Canarsie including State Senator Rosseau Perera, Assembly Member Jaime Williams, Council Member Alan Maisel, and District Leaders Sue Ann Partnow and Frank Suddick, he returned to the park with Odom’s family and friends on Monday, April 16th to drape a blocks-long memorial pink ribbon along the entrance to mark one week since the discov- ery of her murder. He has committed $1,000 of its entrance to mark one week since the discov- ery of her murder. He has committed $1,000 of any kind, contact the New York City Com- mission on Human Rights by visiting nyc.gov/

Our Constituent Assistance Center is here to serve all of Brooklyn. If you or someone you know has 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.