LATEST INITIATIVES

In response to land use applications submitted by the New York City Educational Construction Fund (ECF) and 80 Flatbush Avenue, Borough President Adams unveiled his Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) recommendations to disapprove the proposal with conditions on Friday, June 15th. The applications would have allowed for the development of more than 1 million square feet, inclusive of commercial office, cultural, residential, retail, and space. In his ULURP response, he noted that while his administration encourages transit-oriented development that produces affordable housing and commercial space, as well as supports the creation of much-needed school space for Khalil Gibran International Academy, in addition to a new elementary school for Community School District 15 (CSD 15), he believes this project should also be considerate of the low-density residential area in the neighborhood that is home to Children’s Institute. In addition, he called for a reduction in the bulk and height of the proposed development. He also made clear that any changes to the application must include upgrades to the public facilities to address the needs of the School District.

On Wednesday, June 12th, Borough President Adams and the Brooklyn Historical Society (BHS) announced “A Blast from Brooklyn’s Past,” a photo challenge that invites all Brooklynites to submit their photos of the borough past — in particular, images that capture Brooklyn’s evolution in architecture, streetscapes, and more. Select submissions will be placed on Brooklyn Borough Hall’s Flickr page, and a portion of the entries will be selected for publication in upcoming editions of “One Brooklyn,” Borough President Adams’ community newspaper that is distributed to more than 80,000 residents in the borough. Submissions will be selected for publication based on their historical value, photographic quality, and unique setting; the first round of “A Blast from Brooklyn’s Past” photos was cultivated from BHS’ own archives. Borough President Adams encouraged Brooklynites to share this in the fun challenge and challenge each other on figuring out what these historical photographs depict.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TUESDAY, JULY 10TH
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall - Community Room
Brooklyn Borough Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11TH
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall - Community Room
Uniform Land Use Review Procedure Meeting

THURSDAY, JULY 12TH
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall
Brooklyn Dominican Heritage Celebration

FRIDAY, JULY 13TH
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall
Caregiver Expo 2018

FRIDAY, JULY 13TH
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Ford Amphitheater at Coney Island Boardwalk
Free Shows at Coney Island: Summer Stage 2018

MONDAY, JULY 16TH
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall - Community Room
Brooklyn Borough Board Meeting

TUESDAY, JULY 17TH
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall
Healthy Aging Workshop

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18TH TO AUGUST 8TH
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Long Meadow North at Prospect Park
A Summer Movie Under The Stars

THURSDAY, JULY 19TH
2:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall
Free Mortgage Assistance Program

SATURDAY, JULY 21ST
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM
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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’ popular newsletters, like his Facebook page, and follow @BPEricAdams on Twitter.

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Borough President Adams waved an LGBTQ+ pride flag as he marched alongside his staff and volunteers at the annual Brooklyn Pride parade along Fifth Avenue in Park Slope.

Throughout the month of June, Borough President Adams spoke out against unjust detentions committed by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials. On Wednesday, June 6th, in response to the arrest of pizza deliveryman Pablo Villavicencio at United States Army Garrison Fort Hamilton in Dyker Heights, Borough President Adams joined Council Member Juman Brannan outside the army base to demand answers at his detention. In a Thursday, June 14th New York Daily News op-ed with Council Member Justin Brannan outside the army base to demand answers at his detention. In a Thursday, June 14th New York Daily News op-ed with Council Member Justin Brannan and Assembly Members Lizette Mata and Rafael Espinal, the Broadway Junction Working Group, the New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC), and other organizations in the community called for Governor Andrew Cuomo to issue an executive order that gives all New Yorkers access to driver’s licenses immediately, regardless of their immigration status; possessing such identification could help Villavicencio remain with his wife and children. The following week, an overwhe- ming nationwide outcry emerged from the knowledge that, since early May, more than 2,300 children have been separated from their parents after crossing the southern border. In response to the Trump Administration’s “zero tolerance” policy, which has created a humanitarian crisis across the country, including hundreds of kids who are being detained locally, Borough President Adams organized a toddler march to the Metropolitan Detention Center, a federal building operated by the Federal Bureau of Prisons, alongside hundreds of Brooklyn parents and children who jointly demanded that families be reunified immediately. If you or anyone you know needs assistance with immigration services, call the New York State Immigration Hotline at (800) 566-7836. Additionally, Borough President Adams encouraged those who need free assistance with their naturalization application to RSVP to his annual citizenship drive on Saturday, July 21st by calling (718) 665-1920.

On Sunday, June 24th, Borough President Adams hosted his third annual Central Brooklyn Arts and Culture Walk along Eastern Parkway between Flatbush to Washington avenues, headlined by “Welcome Back to Brooklyn” ceremony that bestowed an engraved paver along the Brooklyn Botanic Garden’s famed Celebrity Path, as well as the “key to Brooklyn” to Grammy Award-winning rapper, actor, model, and record producer, Antonio Hardy, better known as “Big Daddy Kane.” The event also featured two stages of live entertainment showcasing diverse performances of dance and music, a fun zone with bouncy rides, truck games for kids of all ages, as well as a diverse array of art, cuisines, and handcrafts.

Embrace your hyphen! Borough President Adams celebrated Caribbean-American Heritage Month with a daylong celebration on Wednesday, June 27th at Borough Hall. Festivities, sponsored by Investors Bank and JetBlue, included an art exhibition, concert, cultural marketplace, symposium, and a taste of Caribbean cuisine.

On Friday, June 29th, Borough President Adams joined Assembly Member Jo Anne Simon, State Senators Brian Kavanagh and Velmanette Montgomery, and Council Member Stephen Levin in co-hosting a senior resource fair at St. Francis College in Brooklyn Heights. Exhibitors provided attendees with free information on community resources, government services, health care, legal services, and more.

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 those in this month’s update, call the Center at (718) 802-3700.