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Borough President named former Council Member Sal Albanese as his appointee to the Charter Review Commission established by the New York City Council on May 31st, with a shared focus on implementing fully publicly-financed municipal elections. Council Member Albanese has campaigned across New York City for a more robust public financing system, and Borough President affirmed that this would be his priority on the new committee in testimony he submitted in March to the City Council’s Committee on Governmental Operations. Rather than New York City’s existing limited matching funds system, Borough President advocated for a campaign-finance system that is fully publicly-financed, only to candidates who can arise out of a public pool of funding as opposed to individual contributions, and sets contribution maximums at a significantly lower level. Additionally, at a rally held on the steps of City Hall on Tuesday, May 31st, Borough President announced his support for Charter Reform that would allow for instant runoff voting. This would allow voters to rank candidates based on preference, thereby avoiding runoff elections and empowering communities with the democratic process. Borough President teamed up with Council Members Robert Cornegy, Mark Levine, and Ritchie Torres in formally announcing their joint City Council legislation that would empower the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) to utilize heat sensors in 150 buildings with the highest ratio of heat violations in 2017. Under Intro 948, owners of buildings would be required to install temperature reporting devices in every living room of the home at no cost to the building. This legislation is backed by the housing advocates, unions and borough president for expanded security support for schools, parochial schools, and yeshivas, as well as educators, parents, and students from across Brooklyn. Intro 70, which was introduced earlier this year by Council Member Chaim Deutsch, amends Local Law 2 of 2016 in relation to reimbursing small non-public schools for the cost of security guard services. These schools, serving more than 75,000 students citywide, are currently forced to choose between funding basic security services and classroom resources such as staff and supplies. Borough President affirmed that under this legislation, the students and public charter schools in private spaces are the only types of schools that are spending public taxes with this legislation, and our tax dollars should support all of our children. A truth supporter doesn’t care how big a school is before they attack.”

LATEST INITIATIVES

On Thursday, May 3rd, Borough President Adams announced the launch of his Facebook page and Twitter account where he can be found sharing updates on the progress of legislation and events. “I want to reach out to all Brooklynites and let them know that they can be a part of the decision-making process in our city,” said President Adams. “Through my social media platforms, I hope to create a dialogue and engage with the people of Brooklyn.”

Second Thursday of every month
FRIDAY, JUNE 15TH
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall – Community Room
Men’s Health Symposium
FRIDAY, JUNE 15TH
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Alfie Square
Brooklyn in the Boro
SUNDAY, JUNE 24TH
12:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Eastern Parkways between Flatbush and Washington avenues
Central Brooklyn Arts and Culture Wall
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27TH
12:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall
Caribbean-American Heritage Celebration
THURSDAY, JUNE 28TH
6:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall
Latin Professional Summer Soiree

If you have an interest in any of these events, please contact us by visiting bncc.org-usa for more information or by calling our event hotline at (718) 402-2328. Additionally, to stay up-to-date with the office, visit bncc.org-usa to sign up for Borough President’s paperless notifications, like his Facebook page, and follow @BPEricAdams on Twitter.

BROOKLYN BOROUGH PRESIDENT ERIC L. ADAM'S MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

On Thursday, May 17th, Borough President Adams hosted the annual Cinco de Mayo celebration at Brooklyn Borough Hall with Council Member Carlos Menchaca and Fiesta VIP Entertainment. The heritage reception featured an awards ceremony honoring Mexican-American contributions to Brooklyn, as well as a live mariachi band, traditional dance performances, and a taste of Mexican cuisine.

What’s Up at Brooklyn Borough Hall?

Brooklyn’s battle against opioids continues. Borough President Adams co-hosted “Fighting Back Against the Opioid Epidemic,” a discussion led by community leaders, health professionals, and parents who have lost children to opioids, at the Brooklyn Children’s Museum in Crown Heights on Wednesday, May 16th. Additionally, his series of free opioid overdose trainings took place throughout the month of May at BPL locations in Bay Ridge, Brownsville, Downtown Brooklyn, and Williamsburg.

In memory of six-year-old Prince Joshua Avitto, who was senselessly stabbed to death in the elevator of his building at NYCHA’s Boulevard Houses in Crown Heights, President Adams affirmed that this would be his priority on a more robust public financing system, and Borough President Adams stated, “take it from The New York Times’ own words yesterday: there is an eviction machine churning its way through New York City. We’ve been playing catch up to these bad actors because we’ve been using an abacus in an iPhone era. With this legislation, the heat is on.”

WHAT’S UP AT BROOKLYN BOROUGH HALL?

Happy Older Americans Month!
Borough President Adams and the Bay Ridge Center teamed up to host a Senior Tech Fair at Brooklyn Borough Hall on Wednesday, May 2nd, providing attendees with interactive opportunities to learn the latest technological advances, applications, and services. The month of festivities continued on Wednesday, May 16th with a Brooklyn Borough Hall celebration co-hosted by the Brooklyn Public Library (BPL) and Borough President Adams, which included free health trainings, musical performances, and a senior resource fair.

¡Feliz Cinco de Mayo! On Friday, May 4th, Borough President Adams hosted his annual Cinco de Mayo celebration at Brooklyn Borough Hall with Council Member Carlos Menchaca and Fiesta

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On Thursday, May 17th, Mayor Adams led an assembly with third-, fourth-, and fifth-grade students at PS 372 Dr. Rose B. English in Brownsville about the importance of maintaining good health; he also brought these students on a tour of the Brooklyn Borough Hall Greenmarket on Tuesday, May 29th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Second Wednesday of every month
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall – Plaza
Free Legal Services for All – Housing Matters, Trusts and Estates, Elder Law, and Government Benefits

THIRD MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall – Plaza
Free Legal Services for All – Domestic Violence

SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall – Plaza
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

FRIDAY, JUNE 15TH
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall – Community Room
Men’s Health Symposium

TUESDAY, JUNE 5TH
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall
LGBTQ+ Pride Celebration

THURSDAY, JUNE 28TH
6:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall
Latin Professional Summer Soiree

TUESDAY, JUNE 12TH
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Brooklyn Public Library –Dyckman Branch
Free Overdose Prevention Training

THURSDAY, JUNE 14TH
5:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall – Plaza
NYC Dance Week

SUNDAY, JUNE 24TH
12:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall
Eastern Parkways between Flatbush and Washington avenues

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four years ago, Borough President Adams celebrated the Thursday, May 17th ribbon cutting of the Prince Joshua Avitto Community Center in East New York, developed in partnership with Good Shepherd Services and Man Up!, Inc. His administration allocated $500,000 in FY16 and $250,000 for the center in Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17).

Borough President Adams commemorated the opening of two renovated playgrounds in Brooklyn during the month of May. On Thursday, May 17th, he joined the family of the late Dr. John Eleretakis, a beloved medical professional and civic activist in the Gerritsen Beach community, in dedicating Dr. John’s Playground across from PS 277 Gerritsen Beach School. On Wednesday, May 23rd, a renovated Kolbert Playground across from PS 277 was Borough President Adams’ message as a new group of incoming Brooklyn community board members from all 18 districts were sworn in for a full term at a ceremony held in the Courtroom at Brooklyn Borough Hall on Tuesday, May 22nd. He spoke to new and returning members, including a number of 16- and 17-year-old appointees, about the importance of civic engagement and the power of grassroots government to make Brooklyn a greater place to raise healthy children and families.

Borough President Adams kicked off his fifth annual School Lunchtime Concert Series on Wednesday, May 23rd at Columbus Park in Downtown Brooklyn. The shows, which will run on Wednesdays through June 13th, feature dance performances and live music by Brooklyn middle and high school students from every corner of the borough.

On Thursday, May 24th, Borough President Adams hosted a disability advocates’ roundtable to discuss improvements in services across Brooklyn. The discussion, which took place in the Community Room at Brooklyn Borough Hall, addressed pertaining issues such as improved access to hospitals, public transportation, and schools.

In honor of all those who died in selfless service to the nation, Borough President Adams joined veterans from across Brooklyn in marching at the 151st Memorial Day Parade in Bay Ridge on Monday, May 28th. The parade, which he was proud to co-sponsor, proceeded down sections of Third and Fourth avenues and concluded with a memorial service at John Paul Jones Park. Later that day, he addressed hundreds of Brooklynites at the 20th annual Memorial Day Concert hosted by Green-Wood, a National Historic Landmark cemetery in Sunset Park.

Mandate: The new mandate, which was unveiled on Tuesday, May 15th, has been sent to community groups, local organizations, senior centers, and City and State agencies throughout the borough asking respondents a variety of questions on access to community resources, health care needs, housing, and green spaces, and other relevant topics. The anonymous and confidential survey asks respondents a range of service providers including ranking health, housing, and other services in their community on a scale of “very available” to “not available,” as well as age, gender, race or ethnicity, ZIP code, and their economic, health, and housing circumstances. The survey is also available online by visiting brooklyn-usa.org.

The interim location for the Brooklyn Public Library’s Sunset Park Branch opened its doors to the public at 4201 Fourth Avenue on Tuesday, May 15th, with a press conference unveiling new class- rooms, public computers, and a self-service laptop dispenser. The temporary location will serve the community until the original Sunset Park Library re-opens in 2020 following a two-year makeover, which is currently under way. The renovation, which was supported by $1 million in capital funding from Borough President Adams between FY16 and FY17, will double the size of the new library and provide the latest technologies for its patrons. For more information, visit bklynlibrary.org.

On Wednesday, May 23rd, Borough President Adams hailed the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA)’s adoption of the Atlantic Ticket, which will offer discounted LIRR fares for riders traveling between Atlantic Terminal, East New York, and Nostrand Avenue in Brooklyn, as well as seven stations in Queens. The initiative, long sought by Borough President Adams, is part of a field study that will be designed to measure what impact the lower fare will have on ridership on the LIRR and New York City buses and subways. He urged the MTA to conduct a robust outreach campaign for this pilot so it can fulfill its promise, stating that “it promises a greater freedom of movement and a more intelligent use of our transit system, prioritizing the needs of commuters in need of a break. We must maximize the opportunity this field study presents to expand commuters’ options, and ensure this pilot becomes a permanent solution to empower- ing our city’s residents to be able to travel to their destination seamlessly.” For more information on the Atlantic Ticket, visit mta.info.