UPCOMING EVENTS

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, TIMES, AND LOCATIONS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH TO THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4TH
BK Singh Karaoke Platinum Edition

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH
8:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Prospect-Lefferts Gardens 30th Annual TEAL Walk Run for Ovarian Cancer Awareness

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9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
5K Run-Walk Family Festival and Free Live Concert

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9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall – Courtroom
The Annual Brooklyn Recovery Conference

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH
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BROOKLYN BOROUGH PRESIDENT ERIC L. ADAMS’ MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

WHAT’S UP AT BROOKLYN BOROUGH HALL?

And the next day he hosted a ceremonial flag-raising at Brooklyn Borough Hall in honor of Jamaica’s 55th anniversary.

On Sunday, August 12th, he celebrated Dominican-American pride at the annual parade along Sixth Avenue in Midtown, and two days later he helped raise the Pakistani flag at a community ceremony in Kensington marking 71 years that nation’s independence. President Borough Adams participated in a street co-naming for Jean-Jacques Dessalines on Saturday, August 18th in the newly-minted Little Haiti section of Flatbush, and on Friday, August 24th, he co-hosted the Gayana Cultural Association’s awards ceremony at Brooklyn Borough Hall.

Borough President Adams’ focus on the importance of healthy eating and the power of a plant-based diet continued with events he hosted around Brooklyn in August, including on Monday, August 6th at his quarterly Plant-Based Meetup held at Brooklyn Borough Hall.

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Hall, which brought together Brooklynites to discuss plant-based nutrition, and on Saturday, August 17th, at the first-ever Black VegFest held on Nostrand Avenue between Howard and Ralph avenues in Bedford-Stuyvesant, organized by Grassroots Artists Movement (G.A.M.E.).

On Tuesday, August 7th, Borough President Adams invited Brooklynites to celebrate National Night Out Against Crime, a nationwide event celebrated annually since 1984 in which police departments host community events for an evening of activities aimed at building greater partnerships with local residents. Community members joined officers from the New York City Police Department (NYPD) at public parks across Brooklyn, and Borough President Adams joined in the fun at gatherings in Bedford-Stuyvesant and Williamsburg.

Let the music play! The Wingate Concert Series made a smashing return to Wingate Park in East Flatbush, hosted by Borough President Adams and organized by Global Star Media-N-Entertainment and Make Music New York. Tens of thousands of music lovers enjoyed a full lineup of stars over four days, including R&B Fest on Tuesday, August 7th, featuring acts like JJ Hairston and others over four days, including R&B Fest on Tuesday, August 7th, featuring acts like JJ Hairston and

On Wednesday, August 8th, Borough President Adams joined Bangladeshi-Americans from across the city for a rally at Avenue C Plaza, a popular community gathering space in Kensington, to express solidarity for the right to peaceful protest amid violence against student demonstrations in Bangladesh. Joined by community organizations, Borough President Adams emphasized the critical importance of the right to peaceful protest both locally and globally and the ongoing fight for street safety in New York City.

Borough President Adams mobilized the Brownsville community to join together in march for two missing children — nine-year-old Andrew Hilliard and 12-year-old Lila Washington — who had disappeared from their home at the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA’s) Marcus Garvey Houses on Thursday, August 9th. He was joined by local leaders including State Senator Jesse Hamilton and volunteer organizations Men Up! Inc., National Action Network (NAN), Save Our Streets Crown Heights (S.O.S.), and Williamsburg Shomrim. Attendees passed out images throughout the area of the children, who were found safe later that day.

Shoot for a cure! On Friday, August 10th, Borough President Adams presented a $5,000 check from Municipal Credit Union (MCU) to The Brooklyn Hospital Center for colon cancer awareness and research, following a five-day initiative in which passersby outside Brooklyn Borough Hall got the chance to shoot a basketball into a hoop to raise money for combating the disease, the third leading cause of cancer-related death in the United States.

In the spirit of community unity, Borough President Adams joined a diverse group of local leaders and community-based organizations in partnering on the third annual One Crown Heights Walk/Race on Wednesday, August 8th. The event, organized by the Brooklyn Children’s Museum and Project C.A.R.E., featured fun for the whole family and was highlighted by a children’s parade that kicked off from the Jewish Children’s Museum.

On Monday, August 12th, Borough President Adams launched the first edition of his new live call-in show “Ask the Borough President with Eric Adams,” which will appear on News 12 Brooklyn during the second Monday of every month. Following the live broadcast, on which Borough President Adams answered multiple calls and online inquiries, he visited the home of one of the callers, Laila Weinstein, at her and her husband’s Sheepshead Bay home on Friday, August 17th, to discuss the landlord harassment issues they have faced in their rent-controlled apartment. To participate in the next call-in show, taking place on Monday, September 10th, viewers can call in at (718) 861-6827 with their comments, concerns, or questions about everything Brooklyn. Questions can also be submitted through News 12 Brooklyn’s Facebook page, or by using the Twitter hashtag #AskMrAdams.

The first-ever Platinum Edition of Borough President Adams’ BK Sings karaoke competition kicked off on Tuesday, August 14th, as he invited Brooklyn residents over the age of 60 to participate in the singing contest. The contest, which is sponsored by Aetna, AgeWell, and WeCare with additional partnership from the New York City Department for the Aging (DFTA), kicked off at the United Senior Citizens Center in Sunset Park, which is attended by many of the community’s Latino seniors. 65-year-old Ana Mercado took first place with her rendition of Vicente Fernandez’s “Volver, Volver.” More than 20 senior centers in Brooklyn are participating in Borough President Adams’ amateur-focused competition, which will culminate at Brooklyn Borough Hall on Thursday, October 4th. Winners will receive prizes, trophies, and more. Borough President Adams, an avowed karaoke enthusiast who held his first BK Sings karaoke competition two years ago at more than two dozen bars and lounges across Brooklyn, encouraged older Brooklynites to show off their singing talents and vie to be crowned the borough’s next king or queen of karaoke. Anyone interested in participating can call brooklynusa.org/platinumkaraoke or call (718) 802-3177.

Borough President Adams proudly announced on Wednesday, August 29th that NYC Health + Hospitals/Bellevue will embark on a pilot program to help patients transition to a healthy lifestyle that includes a whole-foods, plant-based diet to improve, and in some cases reverse, chronic conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, high cholesterol, high blood pressure, and obesity. The Plant-Based Lifestyle Medicine Program is designed to serve as an intensive education for adults with chronic diseases who wish to reduce their cardiometabolic risk through healthful lifestyle changes. The $400,000 pilot program, funded by NYC Health + Hospitals and open to at least 100 patients from all five boroughs, is a result of Borough President Adams’ advocacy around plant-based nutrition. Assessments and counseling will be offered through individual visits, with attention to cultural, familial, health literacy, psychosocial, socioeconomic, and other factors that may shape eating patterns. Patients will be given the tools to make positive lifestyle changes and to sustain these healthful habits over the long term. Those interested in learning more may call (347) 507-3695 to receive additional information about the program.

More than 800 Brooklyn residents have been trained in overdose prevention through an ongoing partnership between Borough President Adams, the Brooklyn Committee of Alcoholism and Addictive Services, Brooklyn Community Recovery Center, BPL, DOHMH, and NYC Parks on a series of free training sessions that have been held throughout this year. Their most recent trainings, which have facilitated the distribution of hundreds of free naloxone kits to reverse opioid overdoses, took place at BPL’s Red Hook Branch on Monday, August 27th, and at NYC Health + Hospitals/Woodhull on Wednesday, August 29th. To date, trainings have been held in Bay Ridge, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn Heights, Brownsville, Bushwick, Coney Island, Downtown Brooklyn, East New York, Prospect Heights, Red Hook, Sheepshead Bay, and Williamsburg. Brooklyn residents who would like to receive a naloxone training in their neighborhood should email askers@brooklynbp.nyc.

Borough President Adams joined survivors of ovarian cancer at a rally on the steps of Brooklyn Borough Hall on Sunday, August 5th, as they marched from City Hall to Borough Hall to remember the importance of combating the disease and raising awareness among women. Currently, there is no screening test for ovarian cancer, and a pap smear does not test for the disease. The gathering took place ahead of the lighting of Brooklyn Borough Hall in teal for Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month as well as the 10th annual Tell Every Amazing Lady (T.E.A.L.) Walk/Run, which will take place on Saturday, September 8th in Prospect Park. Borough President Adams encouraged Brooklynites to register for the walk/run by visiting tealwalk.org.

Our Constituent Assistance Center is here to serve all of Brooklyn. If you or someone you know are facing a situation that requires urgent assistance, our counselors can help with a host of services, such as alternate side parking, sidewalk pickup, or other community matters, including the topics in this month’s update, call the Center at (718) 862-3700.