managed by the non-profit Consumer Federation of America that seeks to motivate, encourage, and support low- to moderate-income households to save money, reduce debt, and build wealth. Borough President Adams highlighted the importance for families to make smart budgeting decisions, avoid financial scams, and monitor their expenses. According to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, the American personal savings rate is at 6.0 percent of disposable income, its lowest level since the 2008 financial crisis, and is continuing a 60-year downward trend line. Through his ongoing financial education programming, Borough President Adams has emphasized the importance of savings for responsible life planning. In 2017, he and Council Member Mark Treyger were the co-prime sponsors of Local Law 73, a bipartisan measure that requires the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), within three months after receipt of the report of any birth, to distribute college savings plan information on how to reach specific financial goals.

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LATEST INITIATIVES

Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams’ Message of the Month

WHAT’S UP AT BROOKLYN BOROUGH HALL?

Groundbreaking! That was the theme on Saturday, March 2nd, as Borough President Adams spoke to students at the Brooklyn STEAM Center in advance of the ribbon cutting at the Brooklyn Navy Yard’s Building 77.

Borough President Adams’ commitment to expanding science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM) education was highlighted in February. On Tuesday, February 12th, he cut the ribbon for the opening of the Brooklyn STEAM Center, a state-of-the-art building for art, science, technology, mathematics, and engineering programs.

On Saturday, February 9th, Borough President Adams welcomed visitors to the Lunar New Year celebrations at Brooklyn Borough Hall. The cultural festival featured celebratory giveaways, children’s activities, and artistic performances. On Friday, February 15th, Borough President Adams partnered with the Sino America New York Brooklyn Archway Patrol to celebrate the Year of the Pig with an evening of delicious cuisine, music, and a presentation of awards to Chinese-Americans for their service to One Brooklyn.

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On Sunday, February 3rd, Borough President Adams launched a citywide interagency council for the fight against Medicare and Medicaid fraud. The Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) will outreach to civic organizations, health care facilities, houses of worship, senior centers, and other local groups.

In partnership with NYC Hip Hop is Green, Borough President Adams hosted his latest Vegan & Veg-Curious Meetup on Monday, February 4th at Brooklyn Borough Hall. The plant-based family affair featured a delicious array of plant-based foods, musical entertainment, and guest speakers providing tips on healthy recipes.

On Wednesday, February 27th, Borough President Adams and Brooklyn-wide Interagency Council on Aging (BWICA) Director Maria Alvarez launched a borough-wide patrol to combat more than $600 million annually in Medicare and Medicaid fraud in Brooklyn — the county where taxpayers lose the most in all of New York State, according to estimates based on the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) — at the Shorefront YM-YWHA in Brighton Beach, a neighborhood with a high incidence rate of Medicare and Medicaid fraud. Fraudulent activities have ranged from the use of stolen Medicare numbers or lying about eligibility to providers billing for services never provided/received or dispensing generic drugs billed at name-brand prices. The Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) will educate older Brooklynites on how to detect and protect themselves from potential Medicare or Medicaid abuse, errors, or fraud through presentations and informational materials translated into multiple languages, including Chinese, Haitian Creole, Russian, and Spanish. The SMP will outreach to civic organizations, health care facilities, houses of worship, senior centers, and other local groups.

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MONDAY, MARCH 4TH
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall – BP Community Room
Pakistan-American Heritage Celebration

SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD
5:30 PM – 8:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall – BP Community Room
Ghanaian-American Heritage Celebration

TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall – Community Room
Community Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27TH
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall – Courtyard
Brooklyn-wide Interagency Council on Aging Meeting

THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall – Courtyard
Women’s History Month Celebration

UPCOMING EVENTS

VARIOUS DAYS
FREE Legal Services for All

EVERY MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY
9:30 AM – 4:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall
Constituent Assistance Center Walk-In

EVERY MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
SCORE NYC Small Business Mentoring

VARIOUS DAYS
Free Tax Preparation and Filing

VARIOUS DAYS
Brooklyn-wide Interagency Council on Aging Meeting

VARIOUS DAYS
Building a Better JPATIA

FRIDAY, MARCH 15TH
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM
Brooklyn Borough Hall – Plaza
Royalty for Ruth

FRIDAY, MARCH 15TH
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall – Courtyard
Join Honoring to Examine the Crisis Facing Homeowners in Brooklyn

Housing and Support Services Institute (HSSI) Brooklyn – Building 77

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first-of-its-kind facility in New York City that supports high school students with real-world work experience in emerging professions; he allocated $5 million in capital funding to create the educational hub at Brooklyn Navy Yard’s Building 77. On Thursday, February 14th, he was at the New York College of Technology in Downtown Brooklyn to commemorate the opening of his alma mater’s new academic complex, which he advocated for as state senator to support the college’s clinical healthcare and science programs.

As part of the Brooklyn Downtown Revitalization Initiative, Borough President Adams co-sponsored a public open house on Wednesday, February 13th at Brooklyn Law School to assist in selecting projects designed to improve the Downtown Brooklyn area through a $10 million investment designed to support older adults with comfort challenges.

Brooklyn Borough Hall supports the young and the young at heart! Borough President Adams and his Community Development Council (CEC) appointees hosted a Summer Program Resource Fair on Tuesday, February 12th at the People’s House, which allowed young Brooklynites to explore summer internships and volunteer opportunities, meet with summer camp representatives, and learn about sleep-away options. The next day, he partnered with urban apparel brand JEX.NYC and creative consultancy And Them on “Love Your Feet”—a morning of pediatric care education, foot exams, and shoe giveaways designed to support older adults with comfort challenges.

In response to a Thursday, January 31st agreement reached between the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) and City Hall on the future of the city’s public housing developments, Borough President Adams said “the agreement signed falls short because it failed to secure any new Federal funding stream to combat billions in unmet capital repair needs. While I am glad that Federal receivership is off the table for NYCHA, it is also vital that the Federal monitor who will be appointed not serve as a micromanager. An additional layer of government red tape would be troubling news for long-suffering public housing residents. However, if this results in a slashing of bureaucratic waste and a streamlined process for service delivery to tenants, then this may serve as the beginning of a much-needed turnaround. The ultimate arbiter of this agreement’s success will be the 400,000 rent-paying residents of NYCHA. I’ll be listening closely to their feedback in the weeks and months ahead. In the meantime, the City must fulfill existing commitments it has made to efforts like the implementation of NYCHA STAT and the expansion of NYCHA’s Customer Contact Center at (718) 707-7771 to report emergencies and to schedule routine maintenance repairs in their apartments and developments.

The annual notice of property value (NOPV) mailed in January, provides the New York City Department of Finance (DOF’s) property assessment for the coming tax year. The NOPV is not a bill, and no payment is required. Borough President Adams partnered with the DOF and the New York City Tax Commission to host two educational public sessions on Thursday, February 7th and Tuesday, February 19th at Brooklyn Borough Hall. Attendees received information on their property value and market value, as well as learned how to dispute a property’s assessed value, how to get their property description changed including amending the number of units in a building or square footage, and how to apply for a tax exemption. For further information on your property, call 311 or visit nyc.gov/finance.

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) 802-3700.

COMMUNITY ALERTS

On Sunday, February 24th, Borough President Adams joined Representative Carolyn B. Maloney and other community leaders for a town hall at the Williamsburg Hotel to discuss the importance of the upcoming census and to effectively engage non-profit organizations, houses of worship, and other local groups to ensure an accurate count that reflects the diversity of all communities. On Wednesday, February 27th, the Brooklyn Complete Count Committee held a #MakeBrooklynCount meet- ing at Brooklyn Borough Hall with co-chairs Cecilia Clarke, president and CEO of the Brooklyn Community Foundation, and Pastor Gifford Monrose, director of Faith-Based and Clergy Initiatives at the Office of the Brooklyn Borough President. To get involved in the #MakeBrooklynCount campaign’s efforts to maximize local coordination, message, and outreach, contact Pastor Monrose at gmonrose@brooklynbp.nyc.gov.

On Thursday, February 1st, the Mayor’s Alliance for NYC’s Communities, in partnership with the NYC Feral Cat Action Initiative of the Mayor’s Alliance for NYC’s Communities, meet with summer camp representatives, and learn about sleep-away options. The next day, he partnered with urban apparel brand JEX.NYC and creative consultancy And Them on “Love Your Feet”—a morning of pediatric care education, foot exams, and shoe giveaways designed to support older adults with comfort challenges.

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