WHAT’S UP AT BROOKLYN BOROUGH HALL

The First of the Hundred
On January 19th, Borough President Adams officially launched the “Breaking Bread, Building Bonds” initiative by attending the first of the 100 dinners comprising the program. Each of the dinners will be attended by ten everyday people each from varied and distinct ethnicities, identities and faiths. If you are interested in hosting one of these dinners, please fill out the form at www.brooklyn.usa.org/breaking-bread.

Zero Tolerance for Hit-and-Runs
In the face of increased incidents of hit-and-run fatalities in the borough, Borough President Adams joined with Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez, State Senator Andrew Gounardes, and Transportation Alternatives Co-Deputy Director Marco Conner on Monday, January 6th at Brooklyn Borough Hall to call on the Legislature to raise penalties for drivers who leave the scene of traffic accidents that result in serious physical injury or death. Renewing and updating the Hit-and-Run Prevention Act that was originally proposed in 2017 would close a current loophole that incentivizes drunk drivers to flee accidents in lieu of remaining on the scene and being charged with the stiffer penalty imposed for drunk driving.

Breastfeeding Welcome Here
Borough President Adams, along with fellow partners in government, as well as Long Island Railroad (LIRR) and Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) officials, attended the public unveiling of a new lactation pod within Atlantic Terminal in Downtown Brooklyn on Monday, January 13th. The pod, supplied by the Mamava company, now provides nursing moms with a clean, safe, and private environment in which to breastfeed or pump, expanding on Borough President Adams’ efforts to make such spaces available in public places throughout the borough and beyond.

Small Biz Talk
Local entrepreneurs were encouraged to make their voices heard and concerns known at the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce Small Business Town Hall held Downtown at NYU Tandon Maker Space on Wednesday, January 15th. Borough President Adams delivered opening remarks, along with Council Members Mark Gjonaj and Robert Cornegy, Jr., that touched on the ways and means of empowering small business owners in their quest to not just survive, but to thrive in New York’s competitive and often challenging marketplace.

Lunar New Year Cultural Temple Festival
Borough President Adams welcomed the Lunar New Year season on Friday, January 17th at Brooklyn Borough Hall. The celebration featured traditional temple (Buddhist) ceremonial activities and
traditionals arts and handicrafts. Cultural performances and dishes welcomed all. The Lunar New Year began on January 25th.

**Power Breakfast**

When Borough President Adams delivered the keynote address at the Association for a Better New York (ABNY) power breakfast at the Hilton Midtown Mercury Ballroom in Manhattan on Wednesday, January 22nd, his goal was to encourage interagency collaboration in working to solve 21st century challenges with 21st century solutions that address such issues as the climate crisis, homelessness, radical hate, rising inequality, and automation’s assault on jobs. He stressed that the only true way to pinpoint the root cause of these problems is through real-time governance.

**MLK Day**

On Monday, January 20th, Borough President Adams brought greetings at the 34th annual Brooklyn Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., held at the Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM). New York City’s largest public celebration held in honor of the legendary civil rights leader, the commemoration — presented by BAM, Medgar Evers College, and Borough President Adams — traditionally brings together world-renowned activists, public figures, musicians, and civic leaders to pay tribute to Dr. King’s legacy of equality, peace, and non-violent activism.

**A Tribute to Heroes**

On Tuesday, January 28th, Borough President Adams welcomed and honored the most recent group of Heroes of the Month during a ceremony at Brooklyn Borough Hall. The heroes, all recognized for their selfless acts of heroism, included: [October] NYPD Officers Joseph Glorioso, Giovanni Cucuzza, and John Desiderio of Brooklyn’s 61st Precinct, for their quick thinking that helped save a life and showed the daily heroism of New York’s Finest; [November] NYPD Officer Michelle Schack, who went above and beyond the call of duty to save a mother in distress and her six-month-old child; [December] Met Council, represented by Managing Director of Programs Jessica Chait, donated and delivered 10,000 pounds of kosher food for the community right after the anti-Semitic shooting in Jersey City, in a show of support and solidarity with the Jewish community; and Mallory McMahon, leader of the

(l) Borough President Adams was keynote speaker at an ABNY Power Breakfast, where he detailed his upstream approach to resolve civic crises and his vision for real-time governance

(rc) Borough President Adams partnered with the Sino America New York Brooklyn Archway Association for the Lunar New Year Cultural Temple Festival
grassroots organization Fight Back Bay Ridge, who rallied her efforts to defeat hate when it reared its ugly head in her community of Bay Ridge in the form of hate banners and posters. Borough President Adams also conferred special commendation on Abraham Friedman, director of intergovernmental affairs at Brooklyn Borough Hall, for going above the call of duty in offering aid and support to the affected community in Jersey City.

COMMUNITY ALERTS

On Thursday, January 16th, Borough President Adams was proud to announce at City Hall the passage of heat sensor legislation, which will do much to ensure that landlords are held accountable for failing to provide adequate heat to their tenants. Borough President Adams has long been a supporter of greater accountability for negligent landlords in this arena, dating back to 2014 when his office partnered with Heat Seek, the Legal Aid Society, St. Nick’s Alliance, and Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation to place sensors in 10 apartment buildings and allocated $15,000 for Heat Seek’s initial pilot. To report heat issues, dial “311” or log onto portal.311.nyc.gov.

At a press conference held on Wednesday, January 29th in Sunset Park, Borough President Adams made a preemptive strike against the Novel Coronavirus outbreak that began in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China in December 2019. Flanked by health professionals, community leaders, and advocates, Borough President Adams shared that while no cases had yet been observed in New York State and risk was assessed as low, it was still good public policy to alert Brooklyn residents and visitors as to the virus’ symptoms, where screenings for it are available, and ways of protecting oneself from possible exposure. For the most up-to-date information, consult the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the World Health Organization.

In response to the now $150 billion human trafficking industry that is threatening the well-being of approximately 403,000 New Yorkers, on Friday, January 31st at 6:00 PM the issue was highlighted during a town hall meeting at Brooklyn Borough Hall. The information session, hosted by Borough President Adams, in partnership with Council Member Farah Louis, featured a panel of experts drawn from advocacy groups that included IAMWomanKind, the Jericho Road Project, UNICEF USA, and community liaisons from the 71st Precinct. To support the movement, look for #WeWearBlue initiatives that are occurring throughout the borough, New York City, and across the country.

(b) Borough President Adams unveiled the Mamava Lactation Pod at Atlantic Terminal, which will provide nursing mothers a safe haven in a public space.

Tune in to News 12 Brooklyn on Monday, February 10, 2020 from 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM for “Ask the Borough President.”
Weigh in live as Borough President Adams discusses topics of the day, in person and in real time. If you have a question you’d like answered, call (718) 861-6827 or tweet using the hashtag #BKAshKTheBP.

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 garbage pickup, or other community matters, including the topics in this month’s update, call the Center at (718) 802-3700.

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LATEST INITIATIVES

On January 2nd, Borough President Adams stood with female police officers to call for action by the NYPD to accommodate mothers with safe and sanitary conditions for breastfeeding and pumping. In 2015, Borough Hall opened a lactation lounge open to the public for breastfeeding mothers, calling for a complete Coptroller audit to investigate. Alongside the City Council, he is co-sponsoring legislation to provide increased training for workplaces in how to create a lactation room on-site.

As part of his #MakeBrooklynCount 2020 Census initiative to ensure all New Yorkers are counted in this year’s census, Borough President Adams, together with the Prospect Park Alliance hosted a census jobs fair at Borough Hall. If you’re interested in attending, the remaining dates are 1/30 1PM-7PM and 2/5 1PM-7PM at Borough Hall.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ONGOING
VARIABLE DATES
VARIABLE TIMES
FREE Legal Services for All
Brooklyn Borough Hall – Room G-80

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

EVENY MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
VARIABLE TIMES
SCORE NYC Small Business Mentoring
Brooklyn Borough Hall – Room G-80

EVENY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY
THROUGH FEBRUARY 27TH
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
OSHA Training Workshops
Brooklyn Borough Hall

EVENY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY
THROUGH MARCH 5TH
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
HVAC Training Workshops

TUESDAYS AT: Brooklyn Borough Hall
THURSDAYS AT: 2300 86th St., Brooklyn

EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY
THROUGH APRIL 14TH
1:00 – 2:00 PM
Grow Brooklyn Free Tax Preparation
Brooklyn Borough Hall

UPCOMING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH
4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Historically Black College & University Night
Brooklyn Borough Hall

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Notice of Property Value Public Sessions
Brooklyn Borough Hall

If you have an interest in any of these events, please contact us by visiting www.brooklyn-uso.org for more information or by calling our event hotline at (718) 802-2338. Additionally, to stay up-to-date with the office, visit brooklyn-uso.org to sign up for Borough President Adams’ paperless notifications, “like” his Facebook page, and follow him @BPEricAdams on Twitter and Instagram.