Borough President Adams and civil rights attorney Norman Siegel convened a series of town halls, beginning on Tuesday, July 14th, to investigate cases of tenant harassment through- out Brooklyn, with the aim of determining the potential for lawsuits against particularly bad-acting landlords taking advantage of the borough-wide emergency. Hundreds turned out at Brooklyn Borough Hall, All Saints Church in Williamsburg, and SUNY Downstate Medical Center in East Flatbush to share their testimony and get connected with legal assistance. Additionally, Borough President Adams is continuing to push for a reopening of the debate in Albany to strengthen tenant protections, as evidenced by a roundtable he convened on Wednesday, July 15th with local lawmakers and a public town hall he held at Medgar Evers College on Thursday, July 29th to galvanize support for decisive action.

Access-Friendly NYC is an initiative launched earlier this year by Borough President Adams to focus on how Brooklyn and New York City can serve and protect people with disabilities. In partnership with INCLUDEnyc, Borough President Adams is sponsoring a “People’s House” in consultation with the New York City Department of Citywide Administrative Services and disability advocates, to improve access for people with disabilities.

“Parks are our great equalizer, the backyard for all New Yorkers who don’t have one, turning your neighbor into your neighbor,” those were comments by Borough President Adams as he announced the parks funding component of his capital budget plan during a press conference at the Brooklyn War Memorial, inside Cadman Plaza Park in Downtown Brooklyn. Standing beside the leadership of the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, elected officials, park advocates, and local veterans from across the borough, including former Brooklyn Borough President Howard Gordon, he outlined his $11.9 million in allocations during Fiscal Year 2016, which represents more than a twofold increase from last year, in his budgetary commitment to enhancing Brooklyn’s open space. This includes the allocation of $1 million to enhance handicapped accessibility at the Brooklyn War Memorial, a monument to over 300,000 Brooklynites who served in World War II that has been shuttered for 25 years.

Borough President Adams weighed in 22-year-old Matt Stonie at a ceremony in the rotunda of Brooklyn Borough Hall that formally recognized him for competition in the Nathan’s Famous Fourth of July International Hot Dog Eating Contest held in Coney Island; Stonie went on to defeat eight-time defending champion Joey Chestnut and take home the mustard-yellow championship belt.

VP Records Presents Reggae Night will include Freddie McGregor, Chronixx, Martin, New Kingston, and Ircay. Old School Night will close out the series on Monday, August 17th with Doug E. Fresh, Kurts Blow, and Special Ed. All shows are free to the public and begin at 7:30 PM.

On Tuesday, August 4th, join Borough President Adams in celebrating National Night Out Against Crime, a celebration in communities coast-to-coast of the relationship between police and the residents they serve and protect. Events are held at every police precinct around Brooklyn; call your local stationhouse for details.

In partnership with INCLUDEnyc, Borough President Adams is hosting free one-to-one help for parents of young people with disabilities at Brooklyn Borough Hall. Come out on Tuesday, August 18th at 2:00 PM to make an appointment; walk-ins will be seen based on availability.

If you have an interest in any of these events, please contact us by e-mailing askeric@brooklynbp.nyc.gov. Additionally, to stay up-to-date with the office, visit www.brooklyn-usa.org to sign up for Borough President Adams’ paperless notifications, like his Facebook page, and follow @BPEricAdams on Twitter.

Every Independence Day, the eyes of the world turn to Brooklyn for the Nathan’s Famous Fourth of July International Hot-Dog Eating Contest. Borough President Adams “rel- ished” the opportunity to have some fun with the eaters on Friday, July 3rd as he oversaw the official weigh-in for the competition. A day later, thousands in Coney Island cheered as women’s champion Miki Sudo and men’s champion Matt Stonie proved they were the sport’s “top dogs”!

Did you know that Brooklyn is home to the world’s oldest living person? It’s true! Susannah “Miss Susie” Mushatt Jones celebrated her 116th birthday on Tuesday, July 7th at a big party thrown in her honor at the Vandalia Senior Center in East New York. Borough President Adams was on hand to proclaim “Miss Susie Day” in the borough to honor her milestone achievement, which was formally recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records.

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WHAT’S UP AT BROOKLYN BOROUGH HALL?

The latest Heroes of the Month were named by Borough President Adams on Wednesday, July 22nd at a ceremony in Brooklyn Borough Hall. He paid tribute to Iver Whittingham, a Good Samaritan volunteer with women’s empowerment group Bat- tered 2 Beautiful who tried to stop a fight between teenage girls at a McDonald’s in Fort Greene, as well as retired NYPD Detective Richard Lyman, who helped solve a 12-year- old murder case in Flatblands. Both were declared “Heroes of the Month” for July in honor of their commitment to the well-being of Brooklynites in need.

Thousands of music-loving Brook- lynites turned out for the Seaside Som- eplace, but the Sea” celebration.

On Tuesday, July 15th, the borough observed the month of Ramadan with a Brooklyn Iftar dinner in the courtroom of Brooklyn Borough Hall. The event was free and open to youth ages 10-17 and their parents, and it also includes a school supply giveaway.

Brooklyn seniors: savor the last days of summer with Borough President Adams! Make the trip to Kingsborough Community College on Wednesday, August 26th from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM for his “Seniors by the Sea” celebration.

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Summer Concerts 2015 Festival at MCU Park, the much-awarded return of the 36-year series in Coney Island. Borough President Adams was pleased to host the three-day run of shows that began on Wednesday, July 22nd, which included performances by JT Taylor of "E.T. the Extra Terrestrial", featuring Mickey Thomas, N’Klabe, and Eddie Santiago.

On Thursday, July 9th, Borough President Adams joined the New York City Housing Authority at Sheepshead Bay Houses in Sheepshead Bay to mark the milestone of 43,769 feet of unnecessary sidewalk shading that the City has removed since the start of the de Blasio administration. For years, residents have complained that the unused scaffolding obstructs visibility, creates a sense of danger, and often collects trash. In Brooklyn, there were seventeen NYCHA developments where nearly five miles of purposeless shading needed removal, more than it would take to enclose the entire perimeter of Prospect Park. The remaining sidewalk shading citywide supports safety at active construction sites where repairs are currently underway. Those interested in more information can visit nyc.gov/nycha.

A horrific bike crash caused by a oncoming speeding vehicle by the intersection of 4th Avenue and Atlantic Avenue in Boerum Hill claimed the life of Alejandro Moran-Marin on Monday, July 13th. The next day, Borough President Adams biked the dangerous path with members of the media to highlight the urgent need for the New York City Department of Transportation to take immediate action. The number of bicyclists killed last year rose to 20, from 12 in 2013, according to the City. He made the call for an expedited roll-out of the Great Streets program that promised a street redesign of high-priority corridors such as 4th Avenue, Atlantic Avenue, and Flatbush Avenue, including an increase in bike infrastructure. Anyone can visit nyc.gov/dot to learn about current and planned DOT projects.

Chip cards are credit cards with embedded integrated circuits which can provide identity documentation, security authentication, data storage, and application processing. EMV is the technical standard for smart payment cards and payment terminals, replacing magnetic strip technology. Major credit card companies are implementing a liability shift for point-of-sale terminals beginning October 1st of this year; the shift will occur for pay-at-the-pump gas stations and ATMs in a staged rollout over the next couple years. On Wednesday, July 15th, Borough President Adams hosted Visa at Brooklyn Borough Hall on their Small Business Chip Education Tour, in an effort to ready Brooklyn entrepreneurs on this significant change. There is additional information at visa.com for all those wanting to learn more about chip technology.

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 issues like alternate side parking, sidewalk pickup or other community matters, such as the matters in this month’s update, call the Center at (718) 802-3777.