



# **NEWS** FROM COUNCIL MEMBER **JUMAANE D. WILLIAMS** **45<sup>TH</sup> COUNCIL DISTRICT, BROOKLYN**



## **WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE 45<sup>TH</sup>?**

- **Y Forum on Immigration**
  - Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - 10:00 AM-10:30 AM.
  - Flatbush YMCA, 1401 Flatbush Avenue.
- **Cyber Bullying Town Hall**
  - Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - 5:00 PM-6:00 PM.
  - Midwood High School Auditorium, 2839 Bedford Avenue.
- **Homeowners Night**
  - Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - 6:30 PM-8:00 PM.
  - Haitian Family Resource Center, 1783 Flatbush Avenue.
- **Toussaint L'Ouverture Symposium**
  - Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM.
  - Brooklyn Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon Street.

Want to add an event to a future newsletter?

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## **A Message from Jumaane...**

Dear Friends,

We have had a very groundbreaking couple of months! I introduced a landmark package of police accountability legislation in the City Council and we held our first-ever participatory budgeting vote in the 45<sup>th</sup> District; you can learn about the results in the "Update from City Hall".

That does not mean we are close to slowing down! Coming up in a couple weeks, my office will be holding a Homeowners' Night, which you can learn about in "GET ACTIVE!" You should also stay tuned for our Flatbush Health Fair, taking place at the Flatbush YMCA on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

I hope that our recent work both locally and citywide has encouraged you to take action and be involved. As a community organizer, I know that the best way for us to create a safe place for young people to learn and grow is for our neighbors to be educated on the issues and unafraid to assert our voice. Our office is always open for you to get more engaged.

I have reformed "One-on-One with Council Member Williams" to give you a glimpse at some of this work, such as the latest one capturing part of our rally on March 29<sup>th</sup> opposing the Foster Avenue Hotel. Enjoy!

Sincerely,

On March 21st, Council Member Jumaane D. Williams joined thousands at Union Square for the Million Hoodie March, in support of the family of Trayvon Martin, whose shooting has spawned national outrage and reflection over racial profiling in America.



# Update from City Hall

From March 25<sup>th</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>, history took place in the 45<sup>th</sup> District as the polls opened for the first time for a vote on allocating over \$1 million of Council Member Williams' capital budget.

Voting on participatory budgeting took place at twelve locations, including houses of worship, civic centers, housing complexes and Council Member Williams' district office. Anyone over the age of eighteen who is a resident of the district was eligible to vote for up to five projects from the thirteen listed on the ballot.

After 1100 people came out to vote, four projects totaling \$1.05 million were declared winners:

- The installation of two security cameras at several locations district-wide.
- Funding towards the purchase or renovation of a space for a proposed community resource center.
- The installation of flood lights in each park in the district.
- The purchase of desktops, laptops, a security cart and a smartboard for students at the CAMBA Beacon Program located at P.S. 269 Nostrand.

Pending available funds, Council Member Williams has also agreed to fund an additional \$300,000 project to install field lights at Tilden Educational Campus.

Council Member Williams would like to thank again the many volunteers who made this possible, especially the District Committee and the budget delegates.

## JUMAANE IN THE NEWS



On February 26th, Council Member Williams celebrated the installation of Reverend Charles O. Galbreath at Clarendon Road Church, presenting a proclamation for the occasion.



On March 24<sup>th</sup>, Council Member Williams, along with Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez and hundreds of Occupy Wall Street protesters, marched in opposition to police brutality.



On April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Council Member Williams welcomed back SEIU Local 32BJ workers to Flatbush Gardens upon the court-ordered conclusion of their sixteen-month lockout, and rallied for them to receive a fair contract from management.

## Heroes of the 45<sup>th</sup>

**Gilford T. Monroe, Pastor of Mount Zion Church of God**

1) What work do you do in the 45th?

I pastor the historic Mount Zion Church of God and am the president of the 67th Precinct Clergy Council, Inc.

2) Why did you decide to get involved in the community?

First, it is a moral and biblical calling to have an interest in social justice and love for community work, followed by a desire to save youth from gun violence and gangs.

3) Tell me a valuable experience you had in your service.



One that comes to mind was assisting the Winn family, after Trevonne Winn was shot and killed in an mistaken identity case. The Council was able to help the family with officiating the funeral and help ship the body back to South Carolina for burial.

4) How can people get involved?

We always need canned goods for our food pantry and teachers for the computer classes at our church. Also, church leaders can join the Council and help serve as liaison between the cops, community and their congregation.

## HELPFUL CONTACTS FOR THE 45<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

### **Citizen Pruner Care Course:**

TreesNY  
(212) 227-1887

### **Emergency Food Stamps Hotline:**

Human Resource Administration (HRA)  
(877) 472-8411

### **Family Court Assistance:**

Legal Information for Families Today (LIFT)  
(212) 343-1122

### **Legal Aid**

(718) 722-3100

### **First Time Home Buyers:**

Midwood Development Corporation (MDC)  
(718) 376-0999

Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) of East Flatbush  
(718) 469-4679

### **Foreclosure Defense:**

Erasmus Neighborhood Federation (ENF)  
(718) 462-7700

South Brooklyn Legal Services

(718) 237-5500

### **Foreclosure Prevention:**

CAMBA Legal Services

(718) 287-0010 ext. 40240

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(718) 462-7700

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(718) 469-4679

Midwood Development Corporation (MDC)

(718) 376-0999

### **Immigration Services/TPS:**

Brooklyn Defender Services (BDS)

(718) 254-0700

CAMBA Legal Services

(718) 287-0010

CUNY Citizenship NOW! at Medgar Evers College

(718) 270-6292

### **Information and Non-Emergency Services:**

311

### **Job Training & Placement:**

CAMBA Workforce Development

(718) 282-0108 ex. 79301

The Hope Program

(718) 852-9307

Workforce1

(718) 246-5219

### **Landlord/Tenant Issues:**

Erasmus Neighborhood Federation (ENF)

(718) 462-7700

Flatbush Development Corporation (FDC)

(718) 859-3800

Midwood Development Corporation (MDC)

(718) 376-0999

South Brooklyn Legal Services

(718) 237-5500

### **Rental Arrears:**

Housing Court Answers

(212) 962-4795

### **Vulnerable Adults:**

Adult Protective Services

(212) 630-1853

### **Water Bill:**

NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Bureau of  
Customer Services

(718) 595-7000

Want to be added to this list?

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## GET ACTIVE!

If you are a homeowner or aspire to be one, you will want to attend Council Member Williams' Homeowners' Night, taking place on Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 PM-8:00 PM at the Haitian Family Resource Center, located at 1783 Flatbush Avenue. Topics addressed will include water rates and utilities, foreclosure prevention, property taxes home regulations. Representatives from the Department of Buildings, Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Finance, Department of Sanitation and Neighborhood Housing Services will be present to answer questions on these and any other issues you may have.



## Neighborhood Highlights

- On February 27<sup>th</sup>, Council Member Williams attended a board of trustees meeting for Nazareth High School in his continued effort to save the institution from closing; he has continued to support and engage in ongoing fundraising efforts, such as a walkathon held on April 4<sup>th</sup>.
- On March 20<sup>th</sup>, in partnership with Assembly Member Helene Weinstein, an emergency meeting was convened at Glenwood Houses by Council Member Williams to discuss the proposed Foster Avenue Hotel and plan strategies for a community response based on the overwhelming concern regarding the project.
- On April 1<sup>st</sup>, following an injury to starting point guard Jeremy Lin, the New York Knicks signed Council Member Williams to a ten-day contract. (Just kidding! A belated April Fool's, everyone!)

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## One-on-One with Council Member Williams



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