



# ***Neighborhood Day At Borough Hall***

Celebrating

***The Roots of Modern Brooklyn History:***

***A Look at the 1970s and 1980s***

A new exhibition on view at Brooklyn Borough Hall in  
Downtown Brooklyn through May 18th

**Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

All Day --- Open free to the public

***See*** new exhibit about big changes in Brooklyn during the '70s & '80s...

***Hear*** neighborhood activists and reporters in panel discussions...

***Tell*** your own "Brooklyn Story" at our oral history studio and make your  
experiences part of permanent history of the times....

***Be Part of*** live television show about '70s & '80s,  
"Brooklyn Tales," led by famed Brooklyn writer Pete Hamill, plus open mike



Come to Borough Hall on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> as leaders, activists and veterans of  
community building activities of 1970s and 1980s celebrate the revival of  
Brooklyn's neighborhoods. There will be panel discussions, an oral history  
studio for you to tell your own story about those decades in your own  
neighborhood. The day will be capped with a live cable/webcast and  
interactive town hall hosted by famed Brooklyn writer Peter Hamill in  
association with Brooklyn Community Access Television (BCAT).

**Beginning at 10:00 a.m. and continuing to 3:00 p.m. Oral History Studio**

***Brooklyn Stories: Preserve Your Own Memories of Neighborhood Life in Brooklyn***

Prof. Philip Napoli and Brooklyn College students will conduct video interviews throughout the day with  
"Neighborhood Day" participants and visitors to record their memories about the 1970s and 1980s.

***Coney Island History Project will also be present to record first-person tales about Coney Island.***

**3:30-5:00 pm – "The People & Events That Built Modern Brooklyn."**



***'Brooklyn Tales' told by those who lived them in the 1970s  
and 1980s . Live Cablecast/Webcast Town Hall led by famed  
Brooklyn writer Pete Hamill. In the historic Courtroom at  
Brooklyn Borough Hall. Telecast live over Brooklyn  
Community Access Television (BCAT).***

Interactive first-person presentations and discussion by individuals involved in transformative events and  
community building activities in Brooklyn neighborhoods. Speakers will explore impact of redlining,  
disinvestment, political change and other challenges of the times. Panelists will also take questions from  
audience and email and telephone questions from TV viewers.

**See other side for details about the day's panel discussions.**

**For Information call Brooklyn College Library Archives, 718-951-5581**

# ***Roots of Modern Brooklyn History***

***A Look at the 1970s and 1980s***

*Panel discussions explore the events of these formative times in the modern history of Brooklyn in the words of those who lived them*

**9:30 a.m. Panel Discussion: Preserving the Modern History of Brooklyn Through Oral History and Photograph.** Moderator, Professor Anthony Cucchiara, Brooklyn College Archivist. Panel discussion will focus on the importance of preserving records and documenting Brooklyn businesses, organizations and institutions. Panelists include, among others: Ron Schweiger, Brooklyn's Official Borough Historian, Brooklyn College Prof. Phillip Napoli.

**11:00 a.m. Panel Discussion: We Were There: Reporting on the Emergence of Modern Brooklyn.** Moderator, WNET Channel 13's Tom Stewart. Panel of writers, journalists and media professionals who were reporters for The Phoenix Newspaper in the 1970s and 1980s will share their unique insight into transformative events in the downtown brownstone communities that they reported during this time with Phoenix "alumni" who are now at major media, including

- Charles Bagli, New York Times
- Michael Powell, New York Times
- Joanne Wasserman, NY Daily News
- Dennis Holt, Brooklyn Daily Eagle

**12:45 p.m. Panel Discussion: People Power Revived Brooklyn's Neighborhoods.** Moderator, Jerome Krase, Brooklyn College Professor Emeritus. Discussion will include neighborhood leaders instrumental in fostering political, social and economic change that led to the revival of their communities. Representatives from several neighborhoods, including Flatbush, Fort Greene, Crown Heights, Park Slope, Bedford Stuyvesant, and Williamsburg will participate. Tell your own neighborhood experiences at open microphone.

***The May 12<sup>th</sup> Borough Hall  
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