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 12th
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 12th 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.

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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 12th Borough Hall Neighborhood Day is sponsored by Borough President Marty Markowitz and the Brooklyn College Library

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