



# MDC Milestones

- 1976** **Midwood Development Corporation** formed. First Annual **Midwood Mardi Gras** street fair held.
- 1978** First *Sentry* newsletter published.
- 1979** 1,500 housing units rehabbed with the NYC Department of Housing Preservation funding. MDC becomes a Neighborhood Preservation Program, with NYS funding. Funding received from NYC Office of Economic Development for Ave J commercial revitalization. **Tree Inventory Preservation Project** launched.
- 1980** After-School recreation program at Murrow High School initiated.
- 1981** \$670,000 Kolbert Park renovation completed. 250 apartment units renovated with NYC Participation Loans and Article 8A loans **Home Loan Improvement Program (HIP)** for rehabilitation of single-family owner-occupied homes is sponsored. After school program begins evening educational program with NYC Youth Board funding.
- 1983** 18 buildings and 631 apartment units on Ave K rehabilitated at a cost \$6.2 million. \$200,000 in home improvement loans for 25 local homeowners facilitated.
- 1985** Evening GED program implemented with funding from NYC Youth Bureau, now DYCD.
- 1986** **Graffiti Busters** program cleans up and paints Midwood.
- 1987** 608 units rehabbed and provided with energy conservation with funding via NYS DHCR (now HCR) & HPD. **Project Connect**, a family support program for developmentally disabled young adults, begins.
- 1988** **Senior Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)** distributes food to needy seniors.
- 1989** Tenant housing rights program initiated.
- 1990** **Project Sweep**, a supportive employment program for individuals with developmental disabilities, begins.
- 1991** Fuel group purchasing cooperative program inaugurated. English as a Second Language (ESL) classes facilitated with NYC Board of Education. New Immigration Center for Education provides ESL and survival skills for New Americans.
- 1992** **Midwood Youth Council (MYC)** established; First Annual **Neighborhood Entertainment Day** held in Kolbert Park.
- 1993** South Brooklyn Crime Prevention Conference held. **New American Housing Assistance Program (NAHAP)** begins with bilingual volunteers.
- 1994** Co-Op Support Group formed.
- 1995** **Project Sweep** adopts Kolbert Park. **NAHAP** expands to assist over 2,000 new Americans annually with housing and related social service issues.
- 1995** Annual **Students and Seniors Art Show** introduced.
- 1996** *Midwood Directory of Shops and Services* produced; Volunteer-led English Conversation Circle established. First Annual **Art Show** held.
- 1998** Dorman Triangle included in NYC Parks & Recreation Department's *GreenStreets* Program.
- 1999** *Mid-Brooklyn Directory of Community Services* published. ESL classes begin.
- 2000** Brooklyn Borough President funds ESL classes. **Project Sweep** expands to Pitkin Avenue BID; Annual Youth Merit Awards Program initiated.
- 2003** MDC receives New York Community Trust Grant for housing and immigration assistance.
- 2005** *Midwood Shoppers Guide* produced. MDC receives three Out of School Time contracts.
- 2006** 2nd Edition *Mid-Brooklyn Directory of Community Services* published.
- 2007** MDC receives AvenueNYC grant; expands **Project Sweep** services to Sundays.
- 2008** **Print Shop**, an age-appropriate arts & crafts program for people with developmental disabilities, begins.
- 2009** Foreclosure prevention collaboration established.
- 2010** MDC receives AvenueNYC grant to form **Midwood Merchants Association**.
- 2011** *Sentry* goes on line. First Annual **Midwood Food Tour** held.
- 2012** OPWDD funded **Arts Connect!**, an age-appropriate program for individuals with developmental disabilities, begins.
- 2013** Fee for Service After School Program begins at PS 326; MDC receives Placemaking grant for Marvelous Midwood.
- 2014** First **Purim Festival** held. ESL expands to two teachers. Fee for Service After School Program begins at PS 199.
- 2015** First **Midwood Restaurant Week** held. MDC introduces computer classes for seniors.
- 2016** MDC presents its first **Amazing Midwood Movie & Family Fun Night**.