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COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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Be Safe! Wear a Mask! Stay Six Feet Apart!

It's budget time!

In preparation for Community Board 8's Budget requests for Fiscal Year 2022, we are requesting that our community residents submit NEW items for the Capital and Expense Budget. The Register for the Community Board 8 requests for the current fiscal year will be available online for viewing on our website. If you do not have online access to view the current document, you may pick up a copy at the office. Do contact us in advance, as we have a limited number of copies.

Your recommendation can be submitted in writing by sending us a letter to our address above and/or by writing an email to qn08@cb.nyc.gov. This being done in lieu of a virtual public hearing. We understand that not everyone has access to the technology needed to participate via Zoom. This will enable us to include more residents in the process.

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Next Community Board 8 Meeting will be *virtually* on [Wednesday, September 9, 2020](https://www.nyc.gov/queenscb8) at 7:30 p.m.
<https://zoom.us/j/91483589983?pwd=NzZ4V2dla3I1WnFFSszZrZlI5ZTJ2Zz09>

Minutes of Board Meetings are available on our website: www.nyc.gov/queenscb8 within two weeks.

A Word from the District Manager...

Dear Resident,

Voting is not just the right of all adult citizens but their duty. If you are not registered or you have moved, there is still time to register for the first time or to register at your new address. The registration form must be received by October 14, 2020. Feel free to stop by our office to pick-up a voter registration form. Once registered, you have several options for voting this election season.

*You can go in person during early voting [from October 24th through November 1st]. You can vote in person on election day [Tuesday, November 3rd] polls are open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. If you are going to be out of town or are concerned about the threat of COVID-19, you may opt to vote by absentee ballot. You may request your ballot online <https://nycabsentee.com>. You may also request it by calling 1-866 VOTE NYC or 1-866-868-3692. You may request it by mail. For your convenience, we have included an absentee ballot application and the instructions (see Pages 3 –4). The absentee ballot request must be postmarked, emailed (by PDF) or submitted online by **October 27, 2020**. Why wait? Do so today!*

*Once you receive your ballot, please complete it and return it as soon as possible. Borough of Queens Residents must send it to the Queens' County Board of Elections located at **118-35 Queens Boulevard** in **Forest Hills, NY 11375**.*

For more information, please call 1-866 VOTE NYC or 1-866 -868-3692. Please do make a plan to vote this coming election. It takes more than City Hall to make New York City Great. It takes us all.

Sincerely,

Marie Adam-Ovide

P.S. If you would like an email version or to receive the [Newsletter earlier](#), please contact us at 718-264-7895 and provide your email address. This information is also available on our website: www.nyc.gov/queenscb8.



MORE INFORMATION ON YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE

You lose your right to vote while you are in prison or on parole for a felony conviction. If you are convicted of a felony and you are released from prison and are no longer on parole, you can vote. If you are convicted of a felony and your sentence is suspended, you can vote. If you are convicted of a felony and there was no prison sentence, you can vote. Your right to vote is automatically returned to you once you are out of state prison and off of parole. All you have to do is register, or re-register to vote.

If you want to vote while you are still on parole for a felony conviction, you can get a Certificate of Relief from Disabilities. Go to: <https://www.nycourts.gov/courthelp/Criminal/CRD.shtml>

All other criminal convictions do not take away your right to vote. So, misdemeanor and violation convictions do not prevent you from voting even if you are serving time in jail.

<https://www.nycourts.gov/courthelp/Criminal/votingConsequences.shtml>

New York State Absentee Ballot Application

Please print clearly. See detailed instructions.

This application must either be personally delivered to your county board of elections not later than the day before the election, or postmarked by a governmental postal service not later than 7th day before election day. The ballot itself must either be personally delivered to the board of elections no later than the close of polls on election day, or postmarked by a governmental postal service not later than the day before the election and received no later than the 7th day after the election.

BOARD USE ONLY:

Town/City/Ward/Dist: _____

Registration No: _____

Party: _____

voted in office

1. I am requesting, in good faith, an absentee ballot due to (check one reason):

<input type="checkbox"/> absence from county or New York City on election day	<input type="checkbox"/> resident or patient of a Veterans Health Administration Hospital
<input type="checkbox"/> temporary illness or physical disability	
<input type="checkbox"/> permanent illness or physical disability	<input type="checkbox"/> detention in jail/prison, awaiting trial, awaiting action by a grand jury, or in prison for a conviction of a crime or offense which was not a felony
<input type="checkbox"/> duties related to primary care of one or more individuals who are ill or physically disabled	

2. absentee ballot(s) requested for the following election(s) :

Primary Election only General Election only Special Election only

Any election held between these dates: absence begins: ____/____/____ absence ends: ____/____/____

3. last name or surname: _____ first name: _____ middle initial: _____ suffix: _____

4. date of birth MM/DD/YYYY: ____/____/____ county where you live: _____ phone number (optional): _____ email (optional): _____

5. address where you live (residence) street: _____ apt.: _____ city: _____ state: **NY** zip code: _____

6. Delivery of Primary Election Ballot (check one) Deliver to me in person at the board of elections

I authorize (give name): _____ to pick up my ballot at the board of elections.

Mail ballot to me at: (mailing address)

street no. street name apt. city state zip code

7. Delivery of General (or Special) Election Ballot (check one) Deliver to me in person at the board of elections

I authorize (give name): _____ to pick up my ballot at the board of elections.

Mail ballot to me at: (mailing address)

street no. street name apt. city state zip code

Applicant Must Sign Below

8. I certify that I am a qualified and a registered (and for primary, enrolled) voter; and that the information in this application is true and correct and that this application will be accepted for all purposes as the equivalent of an affidavit and, if it contains a material false statement, shall subject me to the same penalties as if I had been duly sworn.

Sign Here: X Date: ____/____/____

If applicant is unable to sign because of illness, physical disability or inability to read, the following statement must be executed: By my mark, duly witnessed hereunder, I hereby state that I am unable to sign my application for an absentee ballot without assistance because I am unable to write by reason of my illness or physical disability or because I am unable to read. I have made, or have the assistance in making, my mark in lieu of my signature. (No power of attorney or preprinted name stamps allowed. See detailed instructions.)

Date ____/____/____ Name of Voter: _____ Mark: _____

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the above named voter affixed his or her mark to this application in my presence and I know him or her to be the person who affixed his or her mark to said application and understand that this statement will be accepted for all purposes as the equivalent of an affidavit and if it contains a material false statement, shall subject me to the same penalties as if I had been duly sworn.

 (address of witness to mark)

(signature of witness to mark)

Board Use Only
 2015 Absentee Ballot Application

Instructions:

Who may apply for an absentee ballot?

Each person must apply for themselves. It is a felony to make a false statement in an application for an absentee ballot, to attempt to cast an illegal ballot, or to help anyone to cast an illegal ballot.

Information for military and overseas voters:

If you are applying for an absentee ballot because you or your family are in the military or because you currently reside overseas, do not use this application. You are entitled to special provisions if you apply using the Federal Postcard Application. For more information about military/overseas voting, contact your local board of elections or refer to the Military and Federal Voting sections at: <http://www.elections.ny.gov/Voting.html>

Where and when to return your application:

Applications must be mailed seven days before the election, or hand-delivered to your county board of elections by the day before the election. If the address of your county board of elections is not provided on this form, contact information for your local election office can be found on the New York State Board of Elections' website, under "County Boards of Election" directory" at: <http://www.elections.ny.gov/CountyBoards.html>

Options available to you if you have an illness or disability:

If you check the box indicating your illness or disability is permanent, once your application is approved you will automatically receive a ballot for each election in which you are eligible to vote, without having to apply again. You may sign the absentee ballot application yourself, or you may make your mark and have your mark witnessed in the spaces provided on the bottom of the application. Please note that a power of attorney or printed name stamp is not allowed for any voting purpose.

When your ballot will be sent:

Your absentee ballot materials will be sent to you at least 32 days before federal, state, county, city or town elections in which you are eligible to vote. If you applied after this date, your ballot will be sent immediately after your completed and signed application is received and processed by your local board of elections. If you provide dates in section 2, identifying the time frame within which you will be absent from your county or from the City of New York, you will be sent a ballot for any primary, general, special election or presidential primary election which might occur during the time frame you have specified. If you prefer, you may designate someone to pick up your ballot for you, by completing the required information in section 6 and/or section 7, as appropriate. Contact your local county board of elections if you have not received your ballot.



CHOICE
Health Plans

Join Us!



Maimonides
Medical Center



Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention is one of the best exercise programs to prevent falls. This series helps reduce the risk of falling by improving strength, balance, flexibility, and coordination.

This online program runs twice a week for 8 weeks (16 classes) starting September 14.

Each session includes a warm-up, learning one to two Tai Chi movements, and cool-down, building to a full 12-movement combination. Modifications will be available to accommodate those with mobility issues.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Classes will be held via Zoom.

Join using a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device.

- 1) Send your name* and email address to CHOICEevents@vnsny.org to sign up for the course.
- 2) You will receive a confirmation email with the log in for the course.

*Personal information will not be collected, stored, or used for solicitation purposes.

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TOPIC: *Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention*

HOST: *Gia Ramsey, Injury Prevention/ Education Outreach Coordinator, Maimonides Medical Center*

DATE: *Sept 14 - Nov 4 (16 classes) Mondays and Wednesdays*

TIME: *11 am - 12 pm*

For questions, please call
9 am - 5 pm, Monday - Friday

Manhattan/Queens:
Ashley Carrillo, 917-886-5660

Bronx/Westchester:
Christy Harvey, 347-443-6723

Queens/Long Island:
Michael Leysath, 646-477-5152

Brooklyn/Staten Island:
Xiomara Guzman, 347-439-3916

Upstate NY:
Veronica Lestage, 917-647-5354



NY State of Health is currently open for enrollment through September 15 because of hardships faced by New Yorkers due to the Novel Coronavirus. And, many New Yorkers will qualify for Medicaid, Child Health Plus or the Essential Plan due to loss of income/employment or reduced wages. Those qualifying for these programs can enroll year-round. Specifically, the following was recently announced:

- Special Enrollment Period for uninsured New Yorkers to apply for coverage through NY State of Health or directly to insurers extended through **September 15, 2020**
- If you lost employer coverage, you must apply within 60 days of losing coverage; because of loss of income, New Yorkers may also be eligible for Medicaid, the Essential Plan, subsidized Qualified Health Plans or Child Health Plus.
- Pursuant to the new federal law, Families First Coronavirus Response Act, that went into effect on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, all Medicaid coverage in effect on the date the law was enacted will continue during the COVID-19 emergency. Although some Medicaid enrollees may have already received notices from NY State of Health that their coverage will end on March 31, 2020, the coverage will not end, it will be continued. Any cases terminated after March 18, 2020 during the period of the COVID-19 emergency will be reinstated with no gap in coverage. Additionally, all Medicaid, Child Health Plus and Essential Plan cases that are due for recertification during the COVID-19 emergency period will be automatically renewed for a four-month period. The situation will be re-evaluated to determine if additional changes need to be made.

The best way for consumers to receive assistance at this time is to phone a navigator or other NY State of Health assistors for help. As always, they can call the Customer Service Center at 1-855-355-5777. By visiting our website, www.nystateofhealth.ny.gov individuals can find an enrollment assistor and receive enrollment assistance over the phone. We also have a dedicated page on our website for Coronavirus and COVID-19 information.

<https://info.nystateofhealth.ny.gov/IPANavigatorSiteLocations>

https://nystateofhealth.ny.gov/agent/hx_brokerSearch

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OPPORTUNITY YOUTH PROGRAMS

Currently accepting applications for the fall cohort.

*Ages 18-24; 20 weeks of remote classes;
September - January*

APPLY TODAY!!



HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY CLASSES

- TASC readiness classes
- Assistance with TASC application
- Math and literacy classes
- Pre-HSE classes available

ADVANCED TRAINING

- EKG/PHL
- Certified Nurses Aide
- Certified Clinical Medical Assistant
- Medical Billing
- Pharmacy Technician


ALL PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE:

- Career readiness classes
- Paid internship opportunities
- Case management
- Job placement assistance
- Supportive Services
- College readiness
- National Certification Training
- Incentives
- Metrocards
- Free access to gym/fitness center

MORE INFORMATION

(619) 686 9760

aestefam@commonpointqueens.org

 @opportunityyouth

Commonpoint Queens is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. For further assistance contact TDD/TTY at 1-800-662-1220



Queens Public Library **UPDATE!!!**

Effective September 1, 2020, the Queens Public Library will have the available services at the following locations/branches:

- **To-Go Service & Returns:**
Bayside, Bellerose, East Elmhurst, **Kew Gardens Hills**, Laurelton, Long Island City and Peninsula Library.
- **Returns Only:**
Astoria, Cambria Heights, Central Library, Flushing, Jackson Heights, Queensboro Hill, Rego Park, Ridgewood and South Ozone Park Library.

For more information on the Library's first phase of reopening, please go to:

<http://connect.queenslibrary.org/6608>



NEW PARKING RATES / 2-HOUR METERS

Beginning October 1, 2020, all one-hour meters will be changed to 2-hour meters on a borough-by-borough basis. The completion will be by mid-December. With that, the rate for the first hour of parking will remain the same. However, the rate for the second hour will be changed. All areas of Community Board 8 fall under Zone– 2. Please see the chart below for the rates.

The Department of Transportation has advised the elected officials, community boards, the press and social media. Additionally, motorists will be made aware of this on the app and at the meter.

For more information go to:

Zone / Location	1st Hour Rate	2nd Hour Rate	Total for 2hr Rate
Zone M3- Manhattan 96th St to 110th St* (yellow areas on map)	\$2.50	\$4.00	\$6.50
Zone 1- Business Districts outside of Manhattan (purple areas on map)	\$2.00	\$4.00	\$6.00
Zone 2- Neighborhood Retail Districts (blue areas on map)	\$1.50	\$2.50	\$4.00
Zone 3- Other Metered Locations (green areas on map)	\$1.25	\$2.00	\$3.25

STAND UP

Against Street Harassment

All New Yorkers, regardless of gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation, have the right to move freely through public spaces, and as New Yorkers we are all responsible for building safe and equitable communities.

JOIN NYC Commission on Gender Equity, L'Oréal Paris, and Hollaback! as we launch a new Bystander Intervention training to address gender-based violence in public spaces. The training gives New Yorkers ways to take care of each other and themselves if they witness or experience street harassment. You can sign up below to participate in an online bystander intervention training or host one with your organization or company.

If you are an individual looking to attend a training, you can register here: bit.ly/AttendATraining

If your organization or company is interested in hosting your own training, please sign up here: bit.ly/HostATraining

Trainings are free, one hour long, virtual, available in English and Spanish.

We hope you will join us in the fight to Stand Up Against Street Harassment!



VIRTUAL PROGRAMS FOR OLDER ADULTS



A message from the NYC Department for the Aging

Transition to Virtual Programming

During the early stages of the pandemic, DFTA began to transition its in-person services to phone-based and virtual services that could be accessed safely at home. Currently, more than half of DFTA's network -- about 170 senior centers and clubs -- are providing phone-based and virtual programs to help older adults stay active and engaged.

Many of these programs are being offered through video conferencing platforms like Zoom, which prior to COVID-19, not many of us had used. Some wondered whether older New Yorkers could adapt and be able to use remote, virtual programs. As usual, older New Yorkers defied expectations.

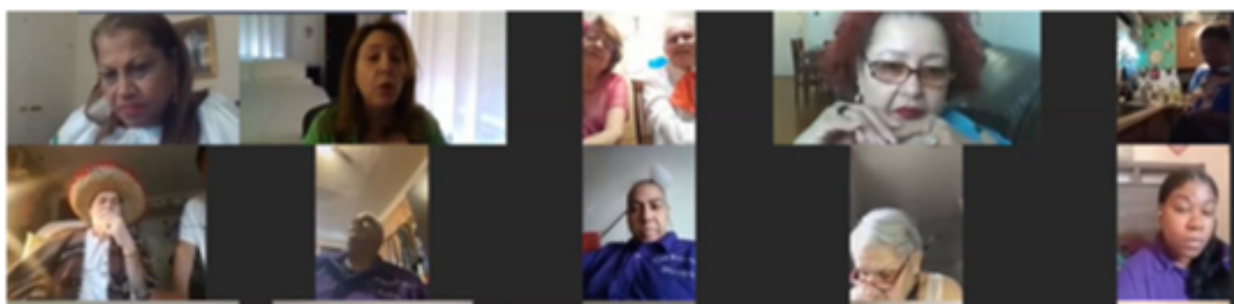


DFTA partner, Older Adult Technology Services also offers free online classes for older adults through Zoom on their website, www.seniorplanet.org. Classes include fitness and wellness programs, tech discussions, home internet access, and more.

Local to CB8

Some senior centers that are hosting virtual programming are even located in CB8!

- India Home has begun offering fitness, yoga, health and wellness lectures, ESOL classes, citizenship classes, creative aging and intergenerational programs, and even a socialization hour for hour members. To learn more, call (917) 862-0514.
- Queens Valley Neighborhood Senior Center offers virtual programming including fitness and exercise classes, technology training, and more. To sign up for these virtual classes, call (718) 263-6995.
- CCNS Hillcrest Neighborhood Senior Center, which opened at a new location 91-34 182nd Place this past year, is offering virtual programming including a Zoom-based gameshow, virtual travel discussions, and a socialization hour with members. They've even partnered with Queens Theatre to bring comedy trivia, singing, and dance classes to members in August. Call (718) 297-7171 to learn more and sign up for classes.
- Senior Planet offers free online classes for older adults through Zoom. Classes include fitness and wellness programs, tech discussions, home internet access, and more. See what classes are coming up: <https://seniorplanet.org/get-involved/online/>



(Pictured: Members of Neighborhood Shopp's Casa Boricua senior center meet on Zoom.)



LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION (S)

- ◆ **Cheap Shots NY LLC**
149-05 Union Turnpike, Flushing - *Renewal of Full Liquor License*
- ◆ **Crazy Meat Corp.**
189-09 Union Turnpike, Fresh Meadows - *Beer, and Cider License (NEW)*

Any complaints about establishments with liquor licenses should be sent to Community Board 8 in writing. Unless a signed, written notification is received at our office, we cannot follow up. You must also include your address and telephone number.

Block Party Permit Requests



The Mayor signed an Executive Order limiting Street Activity Permits through September 30, 2020:

First, to prioritize public spaces for socially distant public use (New York for New Yorkers).

Secondly, to support residents, businesses and community organizations in utilizing low-scale, socially distant events for socializing, recreation, and services.

DEMOLITION/EXCAVATION NOTICE



- 80-51 188th Street — Garage
- 73-47 190th Street — Garage
- 73-18 181st Street — Garage
- 144-05 69th Road — Full Demo
- 81-13 190th Street — Partial Demo




Jamaica Track Reconstruction

Hear all about it!

Join the MTA for a virtual **ZOOM** presentation about the  line service changes that begin on September 19, 2020.

Tuesday, September 8, 2020 - 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

They will talk about your travel options while there is no  service at Sutphin Blvd. –Archer Ave. and Jamaica Center. They will explain how and why they are completely replacing the track between these stations.

Get all the details and meeting link at: new.mta.info/jamaicatrackreconstruction

NEW NORMAL
LIFESTYLE



September 2020

Community Board 8, Queens

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 	8 Virtual DEP/Sanitation Committee Mtg. 7:30 p.m.	9 Virtual Monthly Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	10	11 	12
13	14	15 Virtual Transportation Committee Mtg. 7:30 p.m.	16	17	18-19 	
20	21	22 Fall 	23	24	25	26
27 	28	29	30			

“Empathy is not simply a matter of trying to imagine what others are going through, but having the will to muster enough courage to do something about it. In a way, empathy is predicated upon hope.” - Cornel West