



March

COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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Honorable Linda Lee - 23rd District
Honorable James Gennaro - 24th District

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Honorable Donovan Richards

STAFF

DISTRICT MANAGER: Marie Adam-Ovide
Jatnna Reyes, Community Associate

Help Wanted – Community Assistant (Full Time)

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/queenscb8/downloads/pdf/2022/>

BOARD MEMBERS BY AREA

Area 1 – Kew Gardens Hills

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Area 4 – Flushing Heights, Flushing Suburban, Hillcrest

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Area 5 – Georgetown Mews, Pomonok, Electchester, Flushing

Mary Maggio – **CHAIR**, Carolann Foley, Deepti Sharma, Tamika Williams-Moore

Area 6 – Utopia, Fresh Meadows, West Cunningham Park

Maria DeInnocentiis – **CHAIR**, James Gallagher, Tami Hirsch, Alan Ong and Tamara Osherov

Area 7 – Jamaica Estates & Holliswood

Howard Fried – **CHAIR**, Dr. Robert Block, Edward Chung, Marc A. Haken, Michael Hannibal, David Mordukaev, Jesse Rosenbaum, Harbachan Singh, Martha Taylor and Mohammed Tohin

Happy Women History Month!

February's Virtual Community Board Meeting Re-cap

- The Minutes of the January 19, 2022, Board Meeting were unanimously approved by 42 members.
- **Chairperson Martha Taylor** - She offered condolences to Board Members Edward Chung on the passing on his mother and Kevin Forrestal on the passing of his brother-in-law.
- They have been in contact with Deputy Inspector Chan and his team at the 107th Precinct regarding illegal parking of commercial vehicles. They have increased enforcement of commercial vehicles that illegally park in the neighborhood. With the assistance of traffic enforcement, they issued over a dozen violations. She understands there is a problem with getting a tow truck. They will ask the Borough President and with the help of our Council Members to fund a large vehicle that can tow away these trucks that are parked illegally in our neighborhood.
- **Elected Officials' Announcements:**
Honorable Donovan Richards – Borough President Richards stated that they worked extremely hard this last fiscal year to make sure that Queens Hospital received a feasible capital contribution (\$5.5M). He encouraged all those who are not vaccinated to get vaccinated for the safety of the community and their loved ones. There will be a lot of job opportunities at the airports coming soon. He thanked the committee members [Black History Celebration] for their help. They raised money for scholarships for students across the Borough. All information about events can be found on the Borough President's website at www.queensbp.org.

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Next *virtual* Public Hearing/Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.**

Link to our meetings are available on our website www.nyc.gov/queenscb8.

A Word from the District Manager...

Dear Resident,

We continue to see a rise in Grand Larceny Auto (GLA) within our district/precinct. This crime category has tripled since last year. We are urging everyone *again* to take every precaution to safeguard your vehicle (s).

Please keep vehicle's doors locked while going shopping and/or when you park in your driveways. Do not leave the keys in the ignition. Do not idle your vehicle. It only takes a brief moment for your vehicles to be stolen. Besides, idling of a motor vehicle is a violation of New York City Administrative Code, Title 24, Section 24-163. In addition, the legal idling time has been reduced from three minutes to one minute around public and private school facilities as set forth in the Local Law of the City of New York Number 5 for the year 2009.

Most importantly, do not leave valuables in your vehicle, especially in plain view. Please share this information with your friends and neighbors. **It takes more than City Hall to make New York City great, it takes us all!**

Sincerely,

Marie Adam-Ovide

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- **Hon. James Gennaro** – Council Member Gennaro spoke about Governor Hochul's proposal on her last State of the State Address that will end single family zoning. It has to do with what she calls Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU). He saluted Board Member Kevin Forrestal and the Queens Civic Congress for all the work that they have done on this. His office is working on a major campaign to push back against this. He is meeting with the Speaker of the Council Adrienne Adams to speak about this. Budget season has begun. Those of you who have association with groups that get funded through his office or the Council in general, now is the time to be in contact with his Chief of Staff/ Budget Director. The deadline for this is sometime later this month. He has been one of the major supporters of the mayor's anti-crime blueprint. They are looking to have better reform laws to combat violence and keep the community safe.

Guest Speaker:

- **Paul Graziano, Urban Planner** – Mr. Graziano spoke about Governor Hochul's proposed legislation on Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) under bills S8006/A9006 which is the elimination of one-family zoning and Transit Oriented Development (TODs) in Queens County. He provided a brief study and analysis. He believes that all Community Boards and Elected Officials will lose influence over land use issues and other issues with this bill. This can potentially eliminate single family zoning in NYS.
- He asked the Community Board to come up with a resolution against these two bills. They have created a statewide coalition along with several other people called: www.save1familyny.org. More information and resources are available on this website.
- Other CBs have been involved on this. CB11Q passed a resolution on Monday, CB13Q has a meeting on Monday, CB1 in Staten Island passed a resolution last night against this.

Marc Haken made a motion to form an Ad Hoc Committee to draft a resolution on behalf of Community Board 8 to send to the State Legislature and the Governor against the ADUs.

Count in favor: **32** Opposed: **0** Abstained: **0**

Those who volunteered to served on the Ad Hoc Committee were

Kevin Forrestal, Michael Hannibal, Maria DeInnocentiis, Howard Fried and Dilip Nath.

Committee Reports:

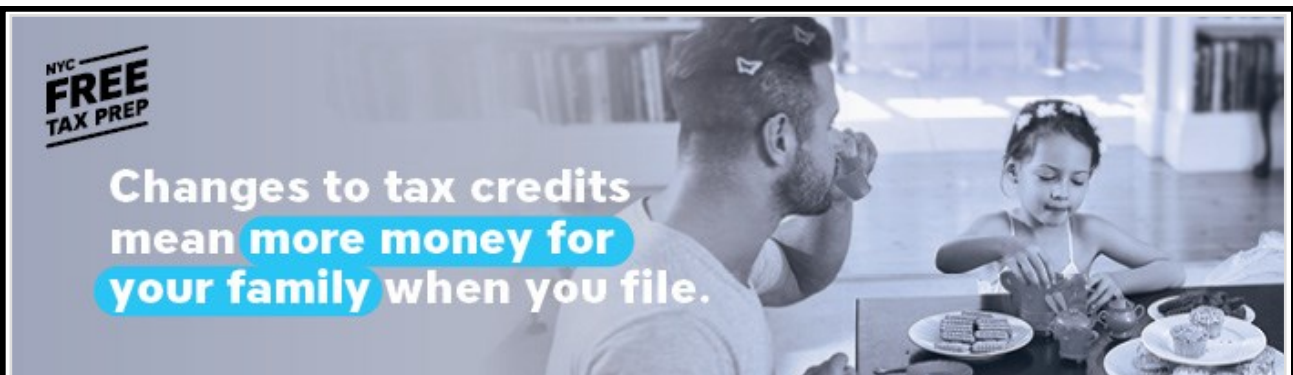
Health Minute with Dr. Penny Stern, Health Committee Chair:

Dr. Stern spoke about heart health. February is known as heart health month. It is the time when take precautions for risks of cardiovascular disease and what can be done to improve our health.

Physical activity each day is one of the most important things we can do for our well-being. Taking every opportunity to move as much as we can, considering of course, every mobility limitation you may have. Aiming for 150 minutes of activity over the course of the week is ideal.

Making your diet heart healthy, concentrating on nutrient dense and fiber filled foods: fruits, vegetables, whole grains, legumes, low-fat food. Keeping your weight at a healthy level meaning a weight that is right for you, a weight which you can carry out all of your activity with ease. Blood pressure of course is of key importance and the maintenance of cardiovascular health, making sure that your blood pressure falls within the normal range. If you require medication, it is vital to take it as prescribed. Maintaining blood sugar levels in the optimal range is important, this is part in the effort to prevent the development of type two diabetes. Keeping cholesterol levels controlled is another essential component of cardiovascular health.

If you are a smoker, make every effort to stop, smoking is one of the most destructive habits there is. It impacts negatively on every body system: the heart, the lungs, the blood vessels, even the skin. Alcohol should only be consumed in moderation. Also, make sure you keep your stress in check. Take time for self-care, relaxation breaks, meditation and/or yoga. You can make February a true heart health month for you and your loved ones.



Earned Income Tax Credit. Child Tax Credit. Child and Dependent Care Credit.

Claiming even one could return thousands of dollars to families and individuals in 2022.

NYC Department of Consumer and Worker Protection (DCWP) is excited to coordinate the City's Annual Tax Season Initiative. DCWP is excited to help eligible New Yorkers use NYC Free Tax Prep to file for free and keep their whole refund. For more information, go to: www.nyc.gov/taxprep

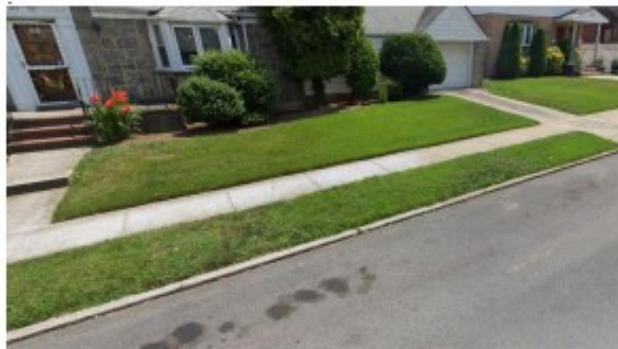
Installation of Green Infrastructure in Flushing Creek CSO Tributary Area

Various Locations in North Queens

The NYC Department of Design and Construction (NYCDDC) has completed the capital construction project involving the installation of new Green Infrastructure (Bioswales, Rain Gardens, Storm Water Greenstreet, Infiltration Basins) as well as the installation of new curbs, sidewalks, and tree guards, at various locations throughout North Queens.

Work Completed throughout project area As of: 02/2022

- Installed 378 Assets.
- Installed 218 Bioswales.
- Installed 108 Infiltration Basins with grass top.
- Installed 45 Infiltration Basins with concrete top.
- Planted 76 trees & various types of plants.
- Reconstructed 10,018 linear feet of concrete & steel faced curb.
- Reconstructed 52,156 square feet of sidewalk.



Before Installing Bioswale on 185th St bet. 69th & 73rd Ave

Thank you!

On behalf of myself (CCL) & NYCDDC, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone within the community for their patience while we installed the Green Infrastructures. Special thanks to Queens CB #7 District Manager Marilyn McAndrews, CB #8 District Manager Maria Adam-Ovide, and CB #11 District Manager Joseph Marziliano, for their co-operation with our efforts in keeping the community-at-large and the stakeholders informed, throughout the lifetime of this project.

Eric Adams
Mayor

Thomas Foley, P.E.
Commissioner

Project # GCTI10-02



After Installing Bioswale on 185th St bet. 69th & 73rd Ave

Community Construction Liaison (CCL)

The DDC had assigned **Ehsan Gholamzadeh**, as the Community Construction Liaison (CCL) for this project. Please contact the Resident Engineer (RE) **Kyrosol Salib** for any inquiries and/or concerns you may have regarding this project.

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Email: gcti1002@gmail.com

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In an effort to practice social distancing, the Field Office is not handling any in-person appointments or meetings at this time. Please call or e-mail only.

Newsletter Distribution

The Final Newsletter for this project is being distributed by the CCL both electronically through the NNN list and hand delivered throughout the project area. It can also be found at the following locations:

QNS CB #7 - 133-32 41st Rd-Rm 3B, Flushing, 11355

QNS CB #8 - 197-15 Hillside Ave, Hollis, 11423

QNS CB #11 - 46-21 Little Neck Pkwy, Little Neck, 11362

Please note the Green Infrastructure installations were performed on behalf of the sponsoring agency, NYC Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP). For further information, please visit DEP link: https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dep/water/green-infrastructure_page

DDC Website
www.nyc.gov/ddc

Twitter
twitter.com/nycddc

New York City's Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) are groups of dedicated volunteers trained in emergency preparedness and response.

By joining NYC CERT, you will have the opportunity to:

- Educate yourself, your family, and others about preparing for emergencies.
- Help your neighbors in times of disaster.
- Strengthen your relationship with your community.

To become a volunteer, you must be 18 years of age or older, live or work in New York City, and pass a NYC Emergency Management background check.

Your community needs you. Learn more by visiting NYC.gov/cert or calling 311 (212-639-9675 for Video Relay Service, or TTY: 212-504-4115).



CERT

ing, and after emergencies.

Want to apply for Access-a-Ride?

Do you have questions about your current service with Access-a-Ride?

Want to file a formal complaint, or become an advocate?

**Contact Alexandria La Flair,
Access-a-Ride Community Organizer
for The Center for the Independence of
the Disabled of New York
CIDNY**

Call: 929 – 604 - 9852

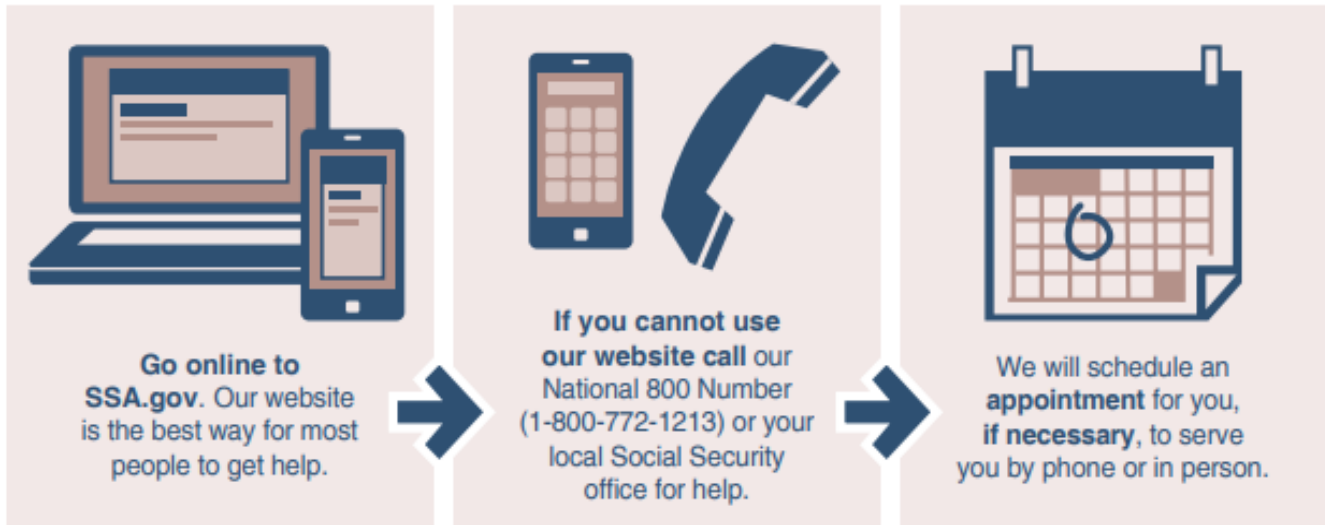
Email: alaflair@cidny.org



CID-NY
Center for Independence
of the Disabled, NY

How to Get Help from Social Security

Social Security is here to help. We want you to know how to get the service you need and to be prepared so we can help you as quickly and safely as possible.



What to Know if You Must Visit an Office:

- You must have an appointment to visit an office.
- Masks are required for all office visitors and employees, regardless of vaccination status.
- Visitor capacity is limited to follow physical distancing requirements. This means you may need to wait outside, so plan for cold or bad weather.
- We ask that you come alone unless you require help with your visit. If you require help, we can only permit one person to accompany you.

We appreciate your patience and understanding.



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Protections for Domestic Workers under the New York City Human Rights Law

The New York City Commission on Human Rights is a resource to help workers and employers understand their rights and obligations under the New York City Human Rights Law (NYCHRL). This document provides information regarding new workplace protections.

Starting March 12, 2022, the NYCHRL will protect domestic workers in New York City from discrimination, harassment, and retaliation. It will also entitle them to reasonable accommodations.

Who is a domestic worker with rights under the law?

The NYCHRL's protections will apply to all domestic workers who perform work in New York City.

- Domestic workers include nannies, home care workers, housecleaners, or any worker who is employed in a home providing childcare, eldercare, companionship, or housekeeping services. Most fulltime and parttime workers are covered.
- Exceptions: The law does not cover those working only occasionally. It also excludes workers who are related to the employer or to the person receiving care, and workers who provide companionship services and are simultaneously employed by an outside agency.

Who is an employer with obligations under the law?

Anyone who employs a domestic worker in New York City, other than on a casual or irregular basis. This includes individual employers as well as companies. Employment agencies and people who help workers find jobs are also covered by the NYCHRL.

- Note: A person who employs or places even one domestic worker has obligations under the NYCHRL.

What rights and obligations are in the new law?

1. Domestic workers have the right to be free from discrimination.

- Employers cannot discriminate against domestic workers based on their actual or perceived gender, national origin, race, immigration status, religion, or any other category protected by the NYCHRL. That means that employers cannot fire or refuse to hire a domestic worker, pay them less, harass them or allow them to be harassed, or otherwise treat them less well because of their membership in a protected class.
- For more information about employment discrimination protections and protected classes under the NYCHRL, view the [Commission's website](#).

2. Domestic workers have the right to reasonable accommodations, or changes to their schedule or job duties to enable them to perform the essential functions of their job.

- Employees are entitled to reasonable accommodations for needs related to disability, pregnancy or related medical conditions, childbirth, lactation, religious practices or observances, and status as a victim of domestic violence, sexual violence, or stalking.
- If an employer is aware that an employee may need a reasonable accommodation, they must engage in a cooperative dialogue, or good faith discussion, with the employee to understand their needs and discuss potential accommodations.
- For more information about reasonable accommodations under the NYCHRL, see the [Commission's Legal Enforcement Guidance on Discrimination on the Basis of Disability](#) and [Rules on Protections with Respect to Pregnancy, Childbirth, and Related Medical Conditions](#).

3. **When hiring, employers cannot ask domestic workers questions about their [salary history](#), inquire into their [credit history](#), or ask them to take a [pre-hire drug test to detect marijuana/THC](#).**
4. **Domestic workers have the right to written notice about sexual harassment protections, and to training regarding sexual harassment protections.**
 - Once a domestic worker is hired, their employer must provide them with written notice of their rights regarding [sexual harassment](#), post a [notice](#) in English and Spanish regarding sexual harassment protections, and ensure that they receive annual [training](#) on the NYCHRL's protections against gender-based harassment.
5. **Domestic workers have the right to be free from retaliation for opposing discrimination, requesting a reasonable accommodation (see #2), or filing a NYCHRL claim.**

Are there any NYCHRL Protections that Won't Apply to Domestic Workers?

Yes. There are a few areas of the City's Human Rights Law that do not apply to domestic workers.

- The Fair Chance Act and related employment protections based on pending arrests, criminal accusations, and criminal convictions do not apply. However, employers cannot ask about or consider a potential employee's non-convictions, prior arrests or criminal accusations, adjournments in contemplation of dismissal, youthful offender adjudications, or sealed convictions in hiring.
- Employers of domestic workers are not required to provide employees with written notice of their rights regarding pregnancy discrimination or maintain a designated lactation room or policy. However, if employees need accommodations related to pregnancy, including accommodations to allow workers to express milk at work, employers must have a cooperative dialogue and provide accommodations unless doing so would impose an undue burden on them.

What might prohibited discrimination against domestic workers look like?

Here are some examples of behavior that violates the NYCHRL:

- An employer fires a home health aide after learning that she requested time off to attend pregnancy consultations because the employer does not believe the aide could do the job while pregnant.
- An employer tells an undocumented housekeeper that if he reports any instances of discrimination he experienced in her home, she will call ICE.
- A dark-skinned nanny discovers that former lighter-skinned nannies who used to work for the same employer were paid much more than she is paid. When she confronts her employer about this, her employer explains that "dark-skinned staff don't work as hard."
- A patient tells a home attendant that she should not report his sexual harassment or he will make sure that she is "never able to work in this City again."

Do domestic workers in New York have rights under other laws?

Yes. Domestic workers have the right to [paid safe and sick leave](#), minimum wage and overtime pay, one (1) day of rest per week, and at least three (3) paid days off per year. Fulltime domestic workers also have the right to workers' compensation and disability benefits insurance, and some domestic workers are entitled to paid family leave. See [here](#) for more information about rights for domestic workers in New York State.

What should do if I have questions about these rights and obligations or would like to report discrimination?

Call the Commission on Human Rights at (212) 416-0197 or visit NYC.gov/HumanRights. You can file a complaint, leave an anonymous tip, learn more about your responsibilities, or sign up for a free workshop.

Did you know?

It's **Women History Month!** Did you know that the following were invented by women?

- **Circular saw** - **Tabitha Babbitt** in 1812 - While living in a Shaker community and working as a weaver, Babbitt watched people struggling to cut wood with a pit saw, which required two users and only cut in one direction. Determined to help, she attached a circular blade to her spinning wheel and invented the much more efficient circular saw.
- **Aquarium** - **Jeanne Villepreux-Power** in 1832 - A French naturalist, Ms. Villepreux-Power was trying to prove that the paper nautilus does not take discarded shells from other organisms, but rather grows its own shell. To observe the creature for an extended period of time and to study marine life, she invented a glass aquarium.
- **Ice cream maker** - **Nancy Johnson** in 1843 - Johnson had her priorities straight before freezers were even invented. She created a double-cylinder hand-crank ice cream machine. It could create two flavors that are frozen at the same time but separately.
- **Computer Algorithm** - **Ada Lovelace** in 1843 - While translating the notes of mathematics professor Charles Babbage for his theoretical invention the analytical engine, Ms. Lovelace added her own notes, tripling the original text, and is credited with writing the world's first computer algorithm.
- **Submarine lamp and telescope** - **Sarah Mather** in 1845 - Mather's 1845 patent was for her "submarine telescope," an apparatus with a lamp that was attached to a tube, which was then sunk under water. It was used not by underwater vessels, but by people above water attempting to see into the depths to investigate wrecks, damaged ship hulls, and enemy activity during the Civil War.
- **Paper-bag-making machine** - **Margaret Knight** in 1871 - she received a patent after her invention was stolen by a man.
- **Dishwasher** - **Josephine Cochran** in 1872 - there were other prototypes; however, it took a woman to create one that actually cleaned the dishes. Cochran's design used water pressure rather than scrubbers to remove debris.
- **Life raft** - **Maria Beasly** in 1882 - she design an improved life raft with guard rails that was fireproof and foldable for easy storage. Her life rafts were used on the Titanic and saved over 700 lives.
- **Windshield wiper** - **Mary Anderson** in 1903 -After receiving a patent in 1903, Anderson tried to sell her new windshield cleaning device to a manufacturer, who refused, stating that her invention lacked practical value. Her windshield wipers failed to take off before her patent expired and it was 10 years before a similar device became standard on cars.

Courtesy of:

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/2019/03/16/inventions-you-have-women-inventors-thank-these-50-things/39158677/>



LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION (S)

- ◆ **Café Premiata, Inc**
72-08 Main Street in Flushing
New - Wine, Beer and Cider Application & Temporary Retail Permit
- ◆ **Kabayan Restaurant & Bakery Inc.**
161-18 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows
New - Temporary Retail Permit
- ◆ **Cuzco Peru BBQ Chicken, Inc.**
138-13B Queens Blvd. in Briarwood
Renewal - Full License Application
- ◆ **Hado Asia Bistro, Inc.**
138-38/40 86th Avenue in Briarwood
Renewal - Full License Application
- ◆ **Regina & Sons Corp. - d/b/a Crystal**
138-31 Queens Blvd in Briarwood
Renewal - Full License Application

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.



Cunningham Park Farmers Market: Opening April 24th

CITY PARKING RULES

The City suspends alternate side parking regulations for both street cleaning purposes and traffic flow, on legal and/or religious holidays.



Ash WednesdayWed., March 2nd
Purim.....Thurs. March 17th

Parking meters are still in effect.

DEMOLITION NOTICE



- 81-42 Utopia Parkway – Full Demolition
(House)
- 75-16 170th Street – Full Demolition
(Partial House)



March 2022

Community Board 8, Queens

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 March comes in like a lion...		 1	 2 Ash Wednesday	3 Virtual Capital/Expense Budget Cmte. Meeting 7:30 p.m.	4	5
6	7	8 Virtual Liquor License Cmte. Meeting 7:30 p.m.	9	10	11	12
SPRING  FORWARD 13	14	15	 16	 17	 18 Lailatul Barat	19
 20	21	22	23 Joint Virtual CB8 Meeting Public Hearing 7:30 p.m.	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	 ...and out like a lamb!	

"No one can make you feel inferior without your consent." - Eleanor Roosevelt