



June 2023

COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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OFFICERS

CHAIRPERSON: Martha Taylor
1st VICE CHAIR: Michael Hannibal
2nd VICE CHAIR: Seymour Schwartz
3rd VICE CHAIR: Mary Maggio
EXEC. SECRETARY: Bhitihara-Martha Fulton
TREASURER: Harbachan Singh
BUDGET DIRECTOR: Vacant

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Honorable Donovan Richards

STAFF

DISTRICT MANAGER: Marie Adam-Ovide
Sandra Aikens-Williams, Community Assistant
Soleil Griffin, Community Assistant
Nettie Norris, Community Service Aide

BOARD MEMBERS BY AREA

Area 1 - Kew Gardens Hills

Mitch Lisker - CHAIR, Heather Bennett-Idels, Susan D. Cleary, Jennifer Martin, Rabbi Yaniv Meitrov, Rabbi Shlomo Nisanov, Tobias Paris, Simon Pelman and Jacob Weinberg.

Area 2 - Briarwood

Seymour Schwartz - CHAIR, Michael Atty, Solomon Davydov, Allen Eisenstein, John Gebhard, Elke Maerz, Mohammad Rahman, Charlton Rhee and Douglas Sherman.

Area 3 - Hillcrest Estates & Jamaica Hill

Kevin Forrestal - CHAIR, Dilafroz Ahmed, Bhitihara-Martha Fulton, Wendy Gennaro, Ahsan Habib, Mohammed "Delwar" Islam, Hersh Parekh and Frances Peterson.

Area 4 - Flushing Heights, Flushing Suburban, Hillcrest

Dr. Penny M. Stern - CHAIR, Kenneth Cohen II, Steven Konigsberg, and Dilip Nath.

Area 5 - Georgetown Mews, Pomonok, Electchester, Flushing

Mary Maggio - CHAIR, Neeta Jain, Jenna Citron Schwab and Deepti Sharma.

Area 6 - Utopia, Fresh Meadows, West Cunningham Park

Maria DeInnocentiis - CHAIR, James Gallagher, Alan Ong, Tamara Osheroov and Amy Tse.

Area 7 - Jamaica Estates & Holliswood

Howard Fried - CHAIR, Dr. Robert Block, Edward Chung, Michael Hannibal, David Mordukhaev, Jesse Rosenbaum, Harbachan Singh, Martha Taylor, Mohammed Tohin and Mayer Waxman.

June is Men's Health Month—See you at the Health Fair!

May's Community Board Public Hearing/Meeting (recap)
183-02 Union Turnpike
Fresh Meadows

- The Minutes of May 10, 2023, Board Meeting were unanimously approved by 37 members.
Chairperson's Report - Martha Taylor

We received a last minute notice from the Department of Social Services that the Par Central Motel has housed 62 migrant families to date.

There was a Mayor's Office Criminal Justice Meeting & Housing Works meeting. The Board extended an invitation to Andrew Coamey of Housing Works to attend but did not get a response from him. The Wyndham Hotel/Mayflower Hotel was the topic of discussion. It is a dangerous situation at that location. We have elected officials who are willing to help us with this difficult situation. We will continue to fight this. The situation at the Wyndham is very dangerous.

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Next Public Hearing/Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 14, 2023

Minutes of Board Meetings are available usually within two weeks on our website.

A Word from the District Manager

Dear Resident,

A few years ago the New York City Council passed Local Law 102. The Mayor's Office called upon community boards, council members, and business improvement districts to submit information that will inform the process of creating neighborhood support teams. Support teams will work within existing City resources to address quality of life issues in specific geographic areas. To this end, I have submitted Hillside Avenue for the creation of a support team.

Community Board 8's southern boundary, Hillside Avenue is shared with Community Board 12 from Francis Lewis Boulevard to the Van Wyck Expressway. The north side of Hillside Avenue is in Community Board 8 and the South side of the street is in Community Board 12. The issue is how do we upkeep this road with a joint jurisdiction?

Many years ago, former Borough President Helen Marshall used federal dollars for capital funding to do a beautification of Hillside Avenue. This is how many of the center medians which included street trees along this thoroughfare were created and funded. Regrettably, there was no expense funding to maintain them. While the Department of Sanitation is tasked with maintaining these medians, they have not been given the resources to do so regularly. There are weeds growing in the tree pits where shrubs and flowers should be. Our office has submitted Hillside Avenue to the Mayor's office for the creation of a Neighborhood Support Team to ensure there is a better coordinated effort by all stakeholders to beautify and maintain Hillside Avenue.

One of our residents started an online petition to support the beautification of Hillside Avenue: <https://www.change.org/p/beautify-hillside-avenue>. I thank him for his efforts.

The City will analyze the results of these submissions and release a report on the findings, which will inform a formal application process. The application will include a written form and may have other components such as stakeholder interviews, community meetings and/or objective conditions observations. The application will be scored based on objective criteria, to be determined by the results of the request for expressions of interest. Sample criteria may include: the comprehensiveness and complexity of the issue, whether addressing this issue would promote equal access to public resources and services, whether there have been prior attempts to address these concerns, and the level of community buy-in.

Once the neighborhood support teams are selected, they will coordinate across agencies and use the insights and ideas of local communities to creatively address the issues identified over the course of one year.

We'll keep you posted!

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

P.S.: Once again, I am encouraging you to sign up to receive our Newsletter via email. This will help us save on the cost of postage.

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- **Chairperson's Report - Martha Taylor** (continued)

CB8 Board members took a picture in 2019, at the suggestion of Michael Hannibal and we will do it again this year at our next meeting on June 14th. There was an offer made for the full-time Community Assistant position and it was accepted. Soleil Griffin will start the 1st week in June. We thank Harbachan Singh who encouraged her to interview.

Committee Reports

Kevin Chan – NYPD

He reported 4 Honda's stolen in the last 4 hours before he came to the meeting. For the 2021, 2022 and 2023 models get a club for the steering wheel or tracking devices. These models are the most sought after. The cars are being stolen and shipped overseas. He mentioned that motorcycle and scooter season is here and are being stolen as well. He spoke about homelessness and how it is a citywide issue. If they are not a danger to themselves or others, there is nothing the police can do.

Kevin Forrestal, Chair of the Nominating Committee - announced that it is CB8's Annual Event to nominate members to serve on the Executive Committee. To be nominated, you must have had the honor of serving for 2 years on the board.

Executive Committee Nominating Slate is:

Martha Taylor, Chair
Michael Hannibal, 1st Vice Chair
Seymour Schwartz, 2nd Vice Chair
Mary Maggio – 3rd Vice Chair
Harbachan Singh, Treasurer
Bhitihara Fulton, Executive Secretary

Committee Chair Forrestal asked for nominations from the floor. There were none. The Board will vote for the Executive Members next month on June 14, 2023.

Health Minute with Dr. Penny Stern, Health Committee Chair - Mount Sinai Hospital put out a report regarding allergies. There is no cure for allergies. They are triggered by pollen in the summer and ragweed in the fall. Some triggers are dust and animals.

You can visit an allergist and they can help to determine triggers depending on each individual. Medications such as pills, antihistamines and injections can help. Immunotherapy is another remedy.



**COUNCILMAN JAMES F. GENNARO
AND NYC PARKS PRESENT**

FAMILY DAYS IN QUEENS



MAY 20- 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

PLAYGROUND SEVENTY FIVE

160th Street & 75th Avenue, Hillcrest

MAY 21- 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

UTOPIA PLAYGROUND

73rd Avenue & Utopia Parkway, Fresh Meadows

JUNE 3- 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

CAPTAIN TILLY PLAYGROUND

Highland Avenue & 165th Street, Jamaica Hills

JUNE 4- 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

MAURO PLAYGROUND

Park Drive East & 73rd Terrace

JUNE 10 - 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

POMONOK PLAYGROUND

Kissena Boulevard & 65th Avenue, Pomonok

JUNE 11 - 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

HOOVER-MANTON PLAYGROUND

Manton Street & Main Street, Briarwood

JUNE 18 - 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

JUDGE MOSES WEINSTEIN PLAYGROUND

Vleigh Place & 78th Road, Kew Gardens Hills

- **Arts & Crafts**
- **Games & Music**
- **Face Painting**
- **Inflatables**
- **Popcorn**

****Please note not all locations will offer music or popcorn ****



NYC Parks

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL COUNCIL MEMBER
JAMES F. GENNARO'S OFFICE AT (718) 217-4969**



SERVE A YEAR IN NYC WITH AMERICORPS

NYC Service administers 4 AmeriCorps programs with members serving full time for 10-12 months with community-based organizations or City agencies. In an NYC Service program, expect to make an impact on your community through meaningful projects and grow as a civic leader!

Member Benefits

- \$21,000 - \$24,669 living stipend
- Education award valued up to \$6,895
- Student loan forbearance
- Non-profit and city government exposure
- Monthly unlimited MetroCards, healthcare, and childcare
- Settling in allowance if relocating more than 50 miles
- Professional development trainings

Applications now open!

Apply by June 30th, 2023!

CONTACT US

QUESTIONS? servicerecruitment@cityhall.nyc.gov
LEARN MORE + APPLY nyc.gov/servenyc



OUR PROGRAMS

NYC VISTA
Serve at New York City government agencies from July 31, 2023 to August 2, 2024 to address critical city issues related to poverty by engaging in capacity-building work

CITY SERVICE CORPS
Serve on high-impact service projects led by city agencies in impact areas addressing critical capacity and community-related issues from Sept. 1, 2023 to June 2024 at City agencies

NYC CIVIC CORPS
Build, develop, and grow volunteer programs by recruiting, managing, and engaging volunteers to address impact areas that are NYC priorities at local non-profits from Sept. 1, 2023 to June 2024

NYCHA HEALTH CORPS
Serve at community-based nonprofit and City agencies to advance equitable health outcomes across public housing developments from Sept. 1, 2023 to June 2024



QUEENS FAMILY COURT

First Annual Community and Legal Resource Fair

Learn all about the resources available to you!

JUNE 12, 2023 | 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
SECOND FLOOR ROTUNDA
151-20 JAMAICA AVENUE
JAMAICA, NY 11432

The Queens Family Court Access to Justice Committee will be bringing you information about the services provided by different organizations to court users and the greater Queens County community!

GUEST ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDE:

- QUEENS ALLIANCE
- SAFE HORIZONS
- FORESTDALE FATHERING PROGRAM AND FAMILY ENRICHMENT CENTER
- COMMUNITY MEDIATION SERVICES
- ELMCOR
- RISING GROUND
- COMMON POINT QUEENS
- BARRIER FREE LIVING
- OFFICE OF QUEENS BOROUGH PRESIDENT

AND MANY MORE!

GOVBALL

THERE WILL BE RESTRICTED PARK ACCESS MAY 30TH - JUNE 14TH TO THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- Skate Park
- Festival Grounds
- NY State Pavilion
- Garden of Meditation and Surrounding Areas

HABRÁ ACCESO RESTRINGIDO AL PARQUE DEL 30 DE MAYO AL 14 DE JUNIO EN LAS SIGUIENTES ÁREAS:

- Parque de Patinaje
- Área del Festival
- Pabellón del Estado de NY
- Jardín de Meditación y Zonas Aledañas

将有
限制进入公园
5月30日至6月14日
到以下领域：

- 滑板公园
- 节日场地
- 纽约州馆
- 冥想花园
及周边地区

5월 30일 부터 6월 14일 까지
공원내 다음 지역에
접근이 제한됩니다.

- 제한지역:
- 스케이트 파크
 - 페스티벌 그라운드
 - NY 스테이트 파빌리온
 - 가든 오브 메디테이션 및 그 주변지역



Martha Taylor
Chairperson



Marie Adam-Ovide
District Manager

Join
Community Board 8, Queens
at
Cunningham Park
196th Place /Union Turnpike
for our



Tenth Annual Health Fair
Friday, June 30, 2023
(Rain or Shine)
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

*Health Screenings,
Free Healthy & Nutritious Snacks,
Fun Activities for Children (Bounce House, etc.)
Local Government Representatives will be available.*

Win Fun Prizes and Get Freebees Galore!



For more information call: 718-264-7895

Michael Hammett

Queens
Chamber of Commerce

P R E S E N T S

Spring

FOOD FEST

JUNE 17th

11:00AM - 4:00PM

Queens Farm Museum

7530 Little Neck Parkway,
Glen Oaks, NY 11004



**FOOD VENDORS
CONTACT US TO SIGN UP!
ghadji@queenschamber.org
or call (718) 898-8500**

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Affordable Housing for Rent



71-82 PARSONS BOULEVARD APARTMENTS 29 NEWLY CONSTRUCTED UNITS AT 71-82 PARSONS BLVD, QUEENS, NY 11367 POMONOK

Amenities: Air conditioning, Dishwashers in unit, virtual doorman, split unit heating and cooling, high end countertops and finishes, high end kitchen appliances, energy efficient appliances, smoke free, accessible entrance, elevator, wired cable or satellite TV, on site resident manager, online payment options, high speed internet, green space, security cameras, storage (\$200 monthly), bike storage (\$25 monthly) lockers, covered parking (\$350 monthly), electric car charging stations, 7th floor lounge, assigned parking spaces, shared laundry room (\$3.50 per load). Amenity package (Fee of \$360 annually) includes: 2nd floor business lounge, gym, outdoor terrace, rooftop terrace.

Transit: Trains: S, 4, 5, 6, 7, Bus: M42, ERS, M101, M102, M103, M4, M2, M1, M3, Q32, BxM8, BxM7, BxM10, BxM6, X28

No fee to apply • No broker's fee • Smoke-free building • More information: <https://bit.ly/71-82ParsonsBlvd>

This building is being constructed through the Privately Financed Affordable Senior Housing (PFASH) program and is anticipated to receive a tax exemption through the 421-a Program of the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development.

Who Should Apply?

Individuals or households who meet the income and household size requirements listed in the table below may apply. Qualified applicants will be required to meet additional selection criteria. Applicants who live in New York City receive a general preference for apartments.

- A percentage of units is set aside for:
 - Mobility-disabled applicants (5%)
 - Vision/Hearing-disabled applicants (2%)
- Preference for a percentage of units goes to:
 - Residents of **CB QUEENS 8** (50%)
 - Municipal employees (5%)

AVAILABLE UNITS AND INCOME REQUIREMENTS

Unit Size	80% AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI) UNITS	Monthly Rent ¹	Units Available		Household Size ²	Annual Household Income ³ <i>Minimum - Maximum⁴</i>
Studio		\$1,513	1	---	1 person	\$55,612 - \$74,720
					2 people	\$55,612 - \$85,440
1 bedroom		\$1,613	19	---	1 person	\$59,623 - \$74,720
					2 people	\$59,623 - \$85,440
					3 people	\$59,623 - \$96,080
2 bedroom		\$1,921	4	---	2 people	\$71,280 - \$85,440
					3 people	\$71,280 - \$96,080
					4 people	\$71,280 - \$106,720
					5 people	\$71,280 - \$115,280
Studio	130% AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI) UNITS	\$2,075	1	---	1 person	\$71,143 - \$121,420
2 people					\$71,143 - \$138,840	
2 bedroom		\$2,796	4	---	2 people	\$95,829 - \$138,840
					3 people	\$95,829 - \$156,130
					4 people	\$95,829 - \$173,420
					5 people	\$95,829 - \$187,330

¹ Tenant responsible for electricity, which includes stove and heating. Hot water is included in the rent.

² Household size includes everyone who will live with you, including parents and children. Subject to occupancy criteria.

³ Household earnings includes salary, hourly wages, tips, Social Security, child support, and other income. Income guidelines subject to change.

⁴ Minimum income listed may not apply to applicants with Section 8 or other qualifying rental subsidies. Asset limits also apply.

How Do You Apply?

Apply online or through mail. To apply online, please go to <https://housingconnect.nyc.gov/PublicWeb/>. To request an application **by mail, send a self-addressed envelope to:** 71-82 Parsons Blvd C/O Reside New York, 349 Keap Street, Brooklyn, NY 11220. Only send one application per development. Do not submit duplicate applications. Do not apply online and also send in a paper application. Applicants who submit more than one application may be disqualified.

When is the Deadline?

Applications must be postmarked or submitted online no later than July 10, 2023. Late applications will not be considered.

What Happens After You Submit an Application?

After the deadline, applications are selected for review through a lottery process. If yours is selected and you appear to qualify, you will be invited to submit documents to continue the process of determining your eligibility. Applicants are usually contacted from 2 to 10 months after the application deadline. You will be asked to submit documents that verify your household size, identity of members of your household, and your household income.



the **PEOPLE'S**
MONEY

Recently, the NYC Civic Engagement Commission announced the launch of **The People's Money** voting phase. The People's Money is New York City's first-ever citywide participatory budgeting process using mayoral expense funding.

Between now and June 25th, all New York City residents ages 11 and older, regardless of immigration or incarceration status or council district, will be able to vote on how to spend \$5 million of mayoral expense funding to address community needs.

Our guiding principles for citywide participatory budgeting are expansion and equity. New York City is home to one of the largest participatory budgeting programs on the globe and under the Adams Administration, we made it even bigger, giving more New Yorkers real dollars to invest in projects that impact their lives. Don't miss your opportunity to make a difference and make your voice heard.

How to Vote by June 25th:

- **Online Ballot:** Voting online is easy. Visit on.nyc.gov/pb and follow the steps below.
- Select the language you want to vote in.
- Enter your zip code of residence.
- Enter your cell phone number to receive a code to validate you are only voting once. Please note: your phone number will not be stored or accessed by the CEC.
- Read through the projects on your ballot and select the projects you want to vote for. At the bottom of the page, click submit when you are done.

After voting, you will be asked to complete an optional survey.

- **Paper Ballots:** Voting in-person is also easy. Starting between now and June 25, visit a vote site in your neighborhood: on.nyc.gov/pbvotesites

How to Spread the Word:

Post Online: Everyone can use the CEC's digital toolkit to post on social media and email their networks. View here: on.nyc.gov/pbvotetoolkit

For Organizations: Organizations and groups can invite CEC staff to attend their event/meeting/forum to lead a voting activity between now - June 25th, or groups can request paper ballots and a ballot box to organize their own activities. Sign up here: on.nyc.gov/pbvoterequest

For Individuals: Individuals can volunteer with the CEC to canvass and table at pop-up events with paper ballots! Sign up here: on.nyc.gov/cecvolunteer

To learn more about this historic process, visit participate.nyc.gov.



Enjoy yourself and support our cause at a special fundraising event for:

Friends of Queens Public Library at Fresh Meadows

Date: June 10th-11th, 2023

Time: 11:30 AM - 9:00 PM

Location: BLAZE PIZZA FRESH MEADOWS: 187-12 Horace Harding Expy, Fresh Meadows,

Order Mode: In-Restaurant, Blaze Pizza App, Blazepizza.com

Blaze Pizza will donate 20% of proceeds from your meal back to our organization.

TWO WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR ORGANIZATION:

In-Restaurant: Bring in this flyer or show it on your phone before paying.

Online Orders: Orders must be placed online via the Blaze Pizza App or blazepizza.com. Enter code **1369A** into the 'Promo Code' field at checkout to have your transaction count toward the fundraiser. If entered correctly, you'll see a \$.01 discount applied to your check which confirms that 20% of your transaction will be counted into the total donation.

VALID FOR PICKUP, CURBSIDE & CARRYOUT ONLY.

For orders on blazepizza.com or Blaze Pizza App

PROMO CODE: 1369A

Blaze Pizza will donate 20% of proceeds from your meal back to our organization.



VALID FOR DINE-IN, PICKUP, CURBSIDE & CARRYOUT ONLY THROUGH THE BLAZE PIZZA APP & WEBSITE. For online orders, only transactions that have the promo code applied during the time and date specified above will be counted toward the donation total. Donation amount excludes proceeds from tax and gift card purchases. Excludes 3rd party delivery or phone orders. Alcoholic beverages excluded. Event proceeds void if flyers are distributed in or near the restaurant.

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTIFICATION (S)

- Shogun Japan, Inc.
205-05 Hillside Avenue in Hollis
Renewal - Full Liquor License

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.

DEMOLITION NOTICE



- 165-18 78th Avenue - Demolition
- 75-59 188th Street - Demolition
- 69-19 168th Street - Demolition (*Garage only*)

CITY PARKING RULES

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



JuneteenthMon., June 19th
Idul - Adha.....Wed., June 28th – Fri., June 30th

Parking meters are still in effect.

A message from FDNY

Did you know?



BBQ grills on residential properties cause more than 1500 structural fires and 4200 outdoor fires every year. Did you know many BBQ grill fires happen when a propane grill was used for the first time after winter storage?

Here are some tips for your parents for how to keep your family safe from the dangers of a BBQ grill fire:







- Check all the tubes leading into the burner of your propane grill for any blockages.
- Inspect the hoses for cracking, holes and leaks. Never use a flame to check for leaks.
- Move propane hoses as far as possible from hot surfaces and dripping grease.
- Inspect the propane tank.
- Do not attempt to repair the propane tank valve or the appliance yourself.
- Remember that BBQ grills are designed for use outside.
- Use utensils with long handles to avoid burns and splatters.
- Once lit, never leave a grill unattended.
- Never store a propane tank indoors or below ground level.
- When transporting a propane tank, it should be secured in the back seat of your car, with transportation plugs on the outlet valve connection. Never leave the tank unattended in your car and avoid traveling with other passengers, especially children.





June 2023

Community Board 8, Queens

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4 TRINITY  SUNDAY	5	6 Parks Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Ave	7	8  Corpus Christi	9	10
11	12	13	14 Board Meeting Public Hearing 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike	15	16	17
18 HAPPY Father's DAY	19 	20 Liquor/Cannabis Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Ave	21  SUMMER SOLSTICE	22	23	24
25	26 Primary Election Day Go vote!	27	28 Transportation Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Ave	29  Eid al-adha	30 	

“Every father should remember one day his son will follow his example, not his advice.”

- Charles Kettering