



February

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: Marc A. Haken

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Honorable Donovan Richards

STAFF

DISTRICT MANAGER: Marie Adam-Ovide
Sandra Aikens-Williams, Community Assistant

Help Wanted! (See Page 6)

BOARD MEMBERS BY AREA

Area 1 - Kew Gardens Hills

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

Area 2 - Briarwood

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

Area 3 - Hillcrest Estates & Jamaica Hills

Kevin Forrestal - CHAIR, Dilafoz Ahmed, Bhitihara-Martha Fulton, Ahsan Habib, Mohammed "Dehwar" Islam, Paul Lazauskas, 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, Deepti Sharma, Tamika Williams-Moore and Emanuel Yllescas.

Area 6 - Utopia, Fresh Meadows, West Cunningham Park

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

Area 7 - Jamaica Estates & Holliswood

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

Happy Black History Month

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

- The Minutes from the meeting held on December 14, 2022, were unanimously approved.
Chairperson Announcements - Chairperson Martha Taylor requested that from now on elected officials' representatives call prior to the meeting to be placed on a list to speak at the board meetings. Also, to keep their message down to two minutes.

Chairperson Martha Taylor announced the passing of former Board Member Dr. Allen Bennett. All persons present participated in a moment of silence in his honor. Condolences to Frances Peterson on the passing of her brother. There was a memorial service for the former CB8 Board Member, Sylvia Weprin, mother of Assembly Member David Weprin and City Council Member Mark Weprin on January 19, 2023.

Jamaica Estates membership has an annual mail-in fundraiser. This year 20 checks were stolen, during the time they were with the postal service. The envelopes were stolen, and someone has washed the checks.

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Next Public Hearing/Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2023

Minutes of Board Meetings are available usually within two weeks.

A Word from the District Manager

Dear Resident,

As the temperature dips, it is important to learn how to prevent and take care of frozen water pipes. Please see the excerpt below from the Department of Environmental Protection.

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.

PROTECT YOUR PIPES FROM FREEZING

Homeowners are responsible for protecting their pipes and water meters from freezing. Most pipes and water meters are in basements, crawl spaces, and other unheated areas, where cold winter temperatures could cause them to freeze.

If a meter freezes and breaks because the homeowner did not take reasonable steps to protect it, DEP will repair or replace the meter and bill the homeowner for the cost. If a service line or pipe freezes and breaks, it is the homeowner's responsibility to have repairs made by a licensed master plumber.

To protect your pipes and water meters from freezing:

- repair broken and cracked windows, doors, and walls
- install storm windows on basement windows
- tightly close doors and windows to the outside
- insulate outside walls
- eliminate drafts from crawl spaces
- turn off the water to outside faucets, remove hoses, and drain the pipes
- ask your local plumbing supplier about materials to insulate pipes and meters
- take extra care to ensure your meter is insulated if it is installed in an unheated garage
- insulate the wall and open cabinets if pipes or meters are in a closed cabinet against an outside wall to allow warmer air to reach them
- arrange to have someone turn on a faucet periodically if you are going to be out of town during cold weather.

If your pipes or meters freeze:

1. Open a faucet near the frozen point to release vapor from melting ice.
2. Direct a hair dryer or heat lamp at the frozen section, or put a small space heater nearby; and, **NEVER** thaw a frozen pipe or meter with an open flame. This is not only a fire hazard, but could also cause a steam explosion.

If you are unable to thaw the frozen pipes, consult a licensed master plumber. If your meter is damaged by the cold, contact **311**.

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Deputy Inspector Kevin Chan

Check stealing has been a growing national issue for several years. He suggested we use a pigmented pen to write checks. The thieves are fishing through mailboxes using string with a sticky substance at the end.

Honorable City Councilmember James Gennaro:

He introduced a new staff person, Mary Whitman. He announced that New York City is considering switching to the Medicare Advantage Plan for its retirees (a plan with lesser benefits than the current plan). The city would offer an improved plan option at the monthly cost of \$191.00. Advantage Plan would be paid for by the federal government for the next five years. The court informed the mayor's attorneys that the city administrative code does not allow for the mayor to make this adjustment. The only way to do this is for the City Council to rewrite the administrative code. Currently, the city pays 600 million dollars for retirees and 700 million dollars for current employees.

He also stated that he is in favor of common-sense criminal reform.

Guest Speakers:

Suzanne Windland and Celine Dorisca: They represented Services Now for Adult Persons, Inc., the organization operates a senior center in Queens Village and provide services reaching beyond this location. The program includes transport services to the senior center, case management, meals on wheels, breakfast, lunch, fitness classes, bingo and services for persons exhibiting early to moderate stage of Alzheimer's disease.

Paul Graziano, City Planner:

He gave a presentation detailing Governor Hochul's proposed zoning plans.

- 1.Statewide cities would have to plan a three-year cycle to fast-track development of affordable housing units. If they fail to meet the quota the state will implement a plan without community board approval.
- 2.This year's proposal expands to include Metropolitan commuter railroad and subway stations in New York City and every area within a half mile. This would include all properties south of the Grand Central Parkway, Jamaica Estates, all of Kew Gardens and Richmond Hills and half of Northeast Queens.
- 3.All illegal property conversions would receive blanket amnesty.

If a property has a A.D.U. (Accessory Dwelling Units) the property will be tax exempt.

Max Weprin, Representing QBP Donovan Richards

He announced that this will be his last meeting. He is leaving the Borough President's Office to take a position at the City Council. He announced that Queens Borough President Richards will host a Haitian Independence Day event at Borough Hall on Thursday, January 26th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. He reminded everyone that Community Board Membership Applications are now available on the QBP's website.



Please be advised the **Queens Public Library at Hillcrest Library** located at 187-05 Union Turnpike, Flushing, NY 11366 **will be closing starting on Saturday, February 18th 2023 for approximately 6 - 9 months** due to the DDC performing roof and HVAC repairs in the building.

We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience and understanding.

Please visit <https://www.queenslibrary.org/about-us/locations> or call 718-990-0728 for assistance.



Long Island Rail Road

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) announced switch replacement and Communications-Based Train Control (CBTC) related work will begin on the **A**, **C**, and **E** 8 Avenue line during Presidents' Day weekend. This work will include replacement of tracks and switches north of 42 St – Port Authority Bus Terminal. As a result, there will be changes to service on the **A**, **C**, **D**, **E**, **F** and **M** lines beginning at 9:45 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 17 through 5:00 a.m. Monday, Feb. 27.

This critical work is being done over the holiday week to ensure minimal impact to customers. Due to the holiday, service will only be affected on four weekdays. Ridership on Tuesday through Friday that week has historically been 7% lower than typical weekday ridership.

Customers are advised of the following service impacts:

*Uptown **A**, **C**, and **E** trains will operate normally.*

Weekdays [Tuesday, Feb. 21 – Friday, Feb. 24]

- Downtown **C** trains will run express from 145 St to Canal St
- Downtown **E** trains will run on the **M** line from 5 Av/53 St to W 4 St
- Downtown **D** trains will run local from 145 St to 59 St-Columbus Circle
- Select **F** trains will operate via the **E** line between Roosevelt Av and 47-50 Sts – Rockefeller Center during **rush hours*

**Brooklyn-bound during morning rush hour, Queens-bound during afternoon rush hour*

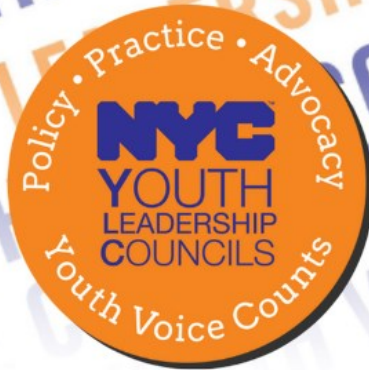
- **M** trains will run via the **J**, **Z** line between Delancey St-Essex St and Chambers St
- **M** trains will terminate at Chambers St; no **M** service between Essex St and Forest Hills-71 Av
- Downtown **A** trains will run express from 59 St – Columbus Circle to Canal St at all hours, including late nights. Weekends and Presidents' Day Holiday
- Downtown **C** trains will run express from 59 St – Columbus Circle to Canal St
- Downtown **E** trains will run on the **M** line from 5 Av/53 St to W 4 St
- Downtown **A** trains will run express from 59 St – Columbus Circle to Canal St at all hours, including late nights

Presidents' Day Weekend only [9:45 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17 – 5:00 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21]

- Weekend of **Feb. 25 – Feb. 27** only [8 a.m. – 11:59 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25; 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26]

M trains will run on the **F** and **Q** between Metropolitan Av and 96 St – 2 Av.

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DOE, OFFICE OF SCHOOL WELLNESS
OSBORNE ASSOCIATION
MAYOR'S OFFICE TO END GENDER
BASED AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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Did you know?



REMINDER

Effective 2015, electronic equipment cannot be discarded in trash or recycling for DSNY collection. Apartment Buildings in NYC can enroll in the e-cycleNYC Program, or residents can recycle working and non-working electronics through drop-off, trade-in, or mail-back programs (drop-off programs include Goodwill, Salvation Army, Best Buy, Staples or the Gowanus E-Waste Warehouse) Electronics can also be brought to upcoming SAFE Disposal Events.

**New York State
Environmental Law §27-2611**
Fine \$100

Drop Off Site in Queens:

College Point at 30th Avenue, between 120th and 122nd Streets, at the northwest corner of the DSNY Queens District 7 garage.

The site is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every Saturday and the last Friday of the month.

Join Our Team!

We are looking for a **Part-Time Community Service Aide** to join our team. We are looking for a candidate with excellent computer, communication, organizational, and writing skills. We offer flexible hours.

Hourly Rate: \$18 (21 hours a week and includes NYC Benefits)

Please send resume and cover letter via certified mail return receipt to:

Community Board 8 Q
197-15 Hillside Avenue
Hollis, NY 11423

Attention: District Manager Marie Adam-Ovide

Community Board 8Q and the City of New York are equal opportunity employers.

No telephone calls, please.

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTIFICATION (S)



- **Salerno Corp. d/b/a Gino's of Kissena**
65-01 Kissena Boulevard in Flushing
Renewal - Wine, Beer and Cider Liquor License
- **Theresa Remerson d/b/a Kew Motor**
139-01 Grand Central Parkway in Briarwood
Renewal - Full Liquor License Application
- **Nikko Hibachi Steakhouse & Bar, Inc. d/b/a Nikko Sushi Steakhouse Restaurant & Lounge**
177-21 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows
Renewal - Full Liquor 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.*

CITY PARKING RULES

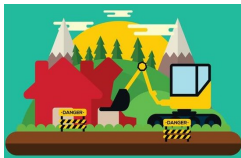
The City suspends alternate side parking regulations for both street cleaning purposes and traffic flow, on legal and/or religious holidays.



- Mon., Feb. 13thLincoln's Birthday
- Mon., Feb. 20thPresidents' Day
- Wed., Feb. 22nd.....Ash Wednesday

Parking meters are still in effect, except for
***Major Legal Holidays.**

DEMOLITION NOTICE



- **71-63 161st Street - Demolition**
(House & Garage)



Homeowners Benefit & NOPV Information Session

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 | 5:30 p.m – 7:30 p.m.
Hillcrest Jewish Center
183-02 Union Turnpike, Fresh Meadows, NY 11366

S P O N S O R E D B Y :

Council Member
Jim Gennaro

State Senator
John Liu

Council Member
Linda Lee



Assembly Member
Nily Rozic

Assembly Member
David Weprin

**HOME, CONDO, AND CO-OP OWNERS:
Learn how to Lower Your
Property Taxes**



- ▶ Learn about benefit programs for home, condo, and co-op owners, including eligibility and how to apply
- ▶ Learn about your annual notice of property value (NOPV)
- ▶ Learn how to submit questions to the Department of Finance

**Wednesday, February 22, 2023
5:30 p.m – 7:30 p.m.**




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For more information:
email events@johnliusenate.com or call 718-765-6675

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Community Board 8, Queens

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Executive Mtg. 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Ave	2	3	4
5	6 Capital & Expense Budget Cmte. Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Ave	7	8 Board Meeting Public Hearing 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike	9	10	11
12	13 Transportation Cmte. Mtg. 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Ave	14 	15	16	17	18
19	20  We're Closed	21 Building/Housing Cmte. Mtg. 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Ave	22 	23 Aging Cmte. Mtg. 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Ave	24	25
26	27	28				

“The beauty of anti-racism is that you don’t have to pretend to be free of racism to be anti-racist. Anti-racism is the commitment to fight racism wherever you find it, including in yourself. And it’s the only way forward.” – Ijoema Oluo