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COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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1st VICE CHAIR: Stanley Weinblatt
2nd VICE CHAIR: Martha Taylor
3rd VICE CHAIR: Seymour Schwartz
EXEC. SECRETARY: Carolyn Baker-Brown
TREASURER: Maria DeInnocentiis
BUDGET DIRECTOR: Vacant

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Honorable Mark S. Weprin
Honorable Rory Lanman

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Honorable Melinda Katz

STAFF

Alma Karassavidis

BOARD MEMBERS BY AREA

Area 1 – Kew Gardens Hills

Dr. Allen J. Bennett – CHAIR, Susan D. Cleary, Florence Fisher, Joshua Glikman, Mitch Lisker, Simon Pelman, Michael Sidell and Jacob Weinberg

Area 2 – Briarwood

Seymour Schwartz - CHAIR, Carolyn Baker-Brown, Allen Eisenstein, Elke Maerz, Virginia Rallis, Charlton Rhee and Albert Willingham

Area 3 - Hillcrest Estates & Jamaica Hills

Kevin Forrestal - CHAIR, Dilafroz Ahmed, Paul Lazauskas, Frances Peterson, Samuel Rodriguez and Anna Sawchuk

Area 4 – Flushing Heights, Flushing Suburban, Hillcrest

Jagjir Singh Bains—CHAIR, Kenneth Cohen II, Steven Konigsberg, Annie Salvatore and Alvin Warshaviak

Area 5 – Georgetown Mews, Pomonok, Electchester, Flushing

Mary Maggio Fischer – CHAIR, Monica Corbett, Brian DeMasters, Carolann Foley, Frank Magri, Steven Sadofsky and Stanley Weinblatt

Area 6 – Utopia, Fresh Meadows, West Cunningham Park

Maria DeInnocentiis – CHAIR, James Gallagher, Jr., Robert Harris, Tami Hirsch and Tamara Osherov

Area 7 – Jamaica Estates & Holliswood

Mark Lefkof – CHAIR, Dr. Robert Block, Edward Chung, Howard A. Fried, Marc A. Haken, Michael Hannibal, Jesse Rosenbaum, Harbachan Singh and Martha Taylor

Community Board 8, Queens

Board Meeting held on Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.
Hillcrest Jewish Center, 183-02 Union Turnpike

The minutes of the February 12, 2014 meeting were approved. 31 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.

Congresswoman Grace Meng brought to our attention a scam called “spoofing.” That is when a caller tricks the caller I.D. so that it appears that you are receiving a call from a governmental agency. That is used to scam people out of money. There is no law making this illegal if the call is made out of the country or if it is a text message. She is looking to make this practice illegal. She also announced that she co-founded the Kids Safety Caucus.

Guest Speaker – NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer informed us that as auditor in chief for the City of New York, he conducted an audit of the NYCHA. He is working to streamline the overdue repairs. He also audited the three library systems of New York City, as over 80% of their budgets come from public funds. As Comptroller, he oversees over 20,000 City contracts. He is making sure that the City is not being abused with cost overruns. He also introduced his Community Liaison Pesach Osina who will be representing him at CB8 meetings.

Councilman Rory Lanman informed us that he participated at a City Council hearing with the Department of Environmental Protection. He inquired about the flooding problem on Utopia Parkway. He also raised concerns about the increase in water rates every year.

Chairman Alvin Warshaviak announced the retirement of Barbara McKeon. He also announced that Community Service Aide Alma Karassavidis has been promoted to the full time position of Community Assistant.

Assistant Chief Michael Barrere was introduced. He is available to come to community meetings and to assist the community. He discussed “stop, question and frisk” and encouraged the residents to contact the Precinct Commander, CCRB and his office if there are any issues on this matter.

Commanding Officer Fredrick Grover reported on the 107th Precinct’s activities. All major crimes are down. A drugs dealer was apprehended following a noise complaint. He discussed the success of the graffiti clean-up in the area.

Next Community Board 8 Meeting will be on **WEDNESDAY, April 9, 2014**

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

A Word from the District Manager ...

Dear Resident:

When catch basins are covered with debris, it poses a problem for neighboring properties. When it rains, the debris will prevent rainwater from flowing freely into sewers. While the Department of Environmental Protection cleans catch basins on a schedule, residents can help.

Homeowners can help by maintaining their sidewalks and curbs. Especially by cleaning eighteen inches into the street from the curb. In doing so, they must be mindful not to allow debris to enter the sewer system through the catch basins.

As the temperature rises, you will probably take a stroll or two in your neighborhood. If you notice that catch basins are covered with leaves or debris or any other defect, please file a complaint. Call us at Community Board 8 during business hours or 311 at other times. Last year, with the help of civic minded residents, like you, the Department of Environmental Protections was alerted to a slew of catch basins that needed repair and clean-up in Flushing Heights, a neighborhood in Community Board 8.

*If everyone does a small part, our City will be the best. **It takes more than City Hall to make New York City great, it takes us all!***

Sincerely,

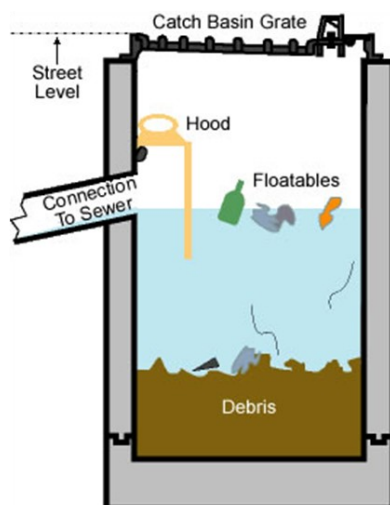
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P.S. If you would like an email version, please contact us at 718-264-7895 and provide your email address.

This information is also available on our website: www.nyc.gov/queenscb8. Remember to "Like" us on

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Catch Basin



Grate →

Curb ↓



Chometz Burning Station/Sanitation Bin Locations in Community Board 8, Queens

Date: Monday, April 14, 2014

Time: Approximately 6 a.m. to approximately 11 a.m.

- Across from the Torah Center of Hillcrest located at 171-05 Jewel/Harry Van Arsdale Ave.
- In front of the Young Israel of Kew Gardens Hills located at 70-11 150th Street.
- In front of the Young Israel of Jamaica Estates located at 83-10 188th Street
- In front of the Young Israel of Queens Valley located at 141-55 77th Avenue, near the parking lot.



In addition, remember to place your garbage out the night before for **the special collection**.

Happy Pesach From Community Board 8, Queens

PASSOVER/PESACH SAFETY TIPS

- ◆ **Bedikat Chometz** (searching for Chometz)
 - A. Keep the candle away from flammable objects, especially curtains, sofas, tablecloths.
 - B. SUPERVISE children closely at all times
- ◆ Never allow children near boiling water when cleaning for Pesach. Adults need to take extra precautions at this time as well.
- ◆ Be aware that oven cleaners cause severe burns. Be extremely cautious when using these products.
- ◆ Always turn pot handles inward to keep pots from being pulled down by a child or knocked off by an adult.
- ◆ Keep Yom Tov, Shabbes and Yahrzeit candles on sideboards, out of the reach of small children. If the candles are on the table, keep them in the center where they are less likely to be pulled down by a small child.
- ◆ **Burning Chometz**
 - A. Do not bring **moist Lulavim** to burning stations(They don't burn and extinguish the fire)
 - B. Do not bring **entire loaves of bread** and large quantities of other items to burning stations.
 - C. **Do not wrap chometz in plastic or aluminum foil**. Plastic fumes are toxic and aluminum will prevent the chometz from burning.

*The weeks prior to Pesach/Passover is a high scald and burn time within the Jewish community.
Special burn prevention care needs to be taken at this time.*



*As New York City Residents we must obey a gamut of regulations. We realize that most residents want to do the right thing and obey the rules. However, they often break them, as they are **unaware** of their existence. So...*



Did you know???

Unleashed Dogs

A person who owns, or controls a dog may not allow it to be in any public place or in any open or unfenced field abutting a public place, unless the dog is effectively restrained by a leash or chain no more than six feet long.

New York City Health Code §161.05 FINE: \$200-\$400

NYC's Paid Sick Leave Law Takes Effect April 1, 2014.

Please visit nyc.gov/PaidSickLeave for information, including one-page overviews for employers and employees, FAQs, and required Notice of Employee Rights.

DOB Homeowner's Night!!!

Every Tuesday, the Department of Buildings hosts a

Homeowner's Night from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. to answer all residents' questions. It is your opportunity to directly speak to plan examiners about any Department of Building issues.

Department of Buildings (Queens Office)

Queens Borough Hall
120-55 Queens Boulevard
Kew Gardens, NY 11424

(P.S. Photo I.D is needed to enter the building.)

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS



- ◆ **Meatos NY One LLC d/b/a Meatos Grill Bar**
185-01 Union Turnpike in Flushing, ***NEW application for Liquor, Wine and Beer License***
- ◆ **Regina and Sons Corporation d/b/a Crystal**
138-31 Queens Blvd.. In Briarwood ***RENEWAL application for a Wine and Beer License.***
- ◆ **Hado Japanese Sushi, Inc. d/b/a Hado Sushi**
138-40 86th Avenue ***NEW application for Liquor, Wine and Beer 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.

CITY PARKING RULES

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



- ◆ **April 15—16** (Passover - 1st and 2nd days)
- ◆ **April 17** (Holy Thursday)
- ◆ **April 18** (Good Friday)
- ◆ **April 21-22** (Passover - 7th and 8th days)

Remember, parking meters are in effect.

**Street Activity/Block Party Permit Request
Received by Community Board 8 for April 2014:**



No request was approved/nor awaits the Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO)'s approval for **April 2014**.

**The Big Apple Circus will be at
Cunningham Park**



from **May 18th to June 15th**
Call (212) 268-2500 or go to www.bigapplecircus.org
for more information.

DEMOLITION/VACATE /EXCAVATION NOTICE

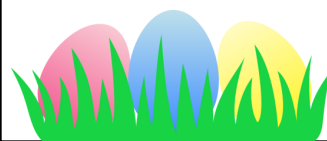
- ◆ **159-13 72nd Avenue** (excavation)
- ◆ **179-50 80th Road** (demolition)
- ◆ **150-25 77th Avenue** (construction)
- ◆ **80-16 190th Street** (garage demolition)



**USTA National Tennis Center
Mini Tennis Clinic followed
by Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, April 13, 2014
10-30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Bring your own Easter Basket!**

Prizes include one week Summer Camp and more...

For more information : www.ntc.usta.com



Rain or Shine!

***Free Immigration Services are being provided at the
Community Board 8 office on the 1st Friday
this month. These services are funded by***

***City Councilman Mark Weprin
and facilitated by
CUNY Citizenship Now!
April 4th***

***from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Please call the Community Board
for more information.***

Appointments are preferred but walk-ins are also welcomed

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8 Liquor License Cmte. Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Ave	9 Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike	10	11	12
13 PALM SUNDAY 	14 Pesach 	15	16	17 Holy Thursday 	18 Good Friday 	19
20 EASTER 	21	22	23	24 Administrative Professionals Day 	25	26
27	28	29	30			