



**March 2014**

## COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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### OFFICERS

**CHAIRMAN:** Alvin Warshaviak  
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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

Barbara McKeon and 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

**Jagir 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, February 12, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.  
Hillcrest Jewish Center, 183-02 Union Turnpike**

**Minutes of January 15, 2014 were approved:** 33 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.

#### **Guest Speaker – Honorable Melinda Katz – Queens Borough President**

Borough President Melinda Katz thanked Chairman Warshaviak and all of the Board Members for the great work they do on the Board. She informed the members that they will always have her office as a resource. She stated that moving forward, it will be a team effort. As Borough President, she is even more anxious to bring that relationship to the forefront and make sure that great things are accomplished together.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**BSA Calendar No. 324-13 BZ aka 78-32 138<sup>th</sup> Street** – Special Permit to allow the enlargement of a single-family residence within an R2 zoning district, contrary to FAR and open space regulations.

Vote: 33 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

**Intro No. 28 – To amend the NYC Charter, in relation to requiring that all Community Board Meetings be webcast.** All Board Members agreed to support Community Board No. 1, Brooklyn's opposition to webcasting Board Meetings.

**Newsstand Application #2484-2013 – CANWS – NE Corner of Homelawn Street and Hillside Avenue.**

Vote: A hand vote was taken. 2 in favor, 31 opposed to the newsstand.

**Next Community Board 8 Meeting will be on WEDNESDAY, March 19, 2014 (3rd Wednesday)**

\*\*\* Minutes of Board Meetings are available on our website: [www.nyc.gov/queenscb8](http://www.nyc.gov/queenscb8)

## *A Word from the District Manager ...*

*Dear Resident:*

*What a winter! Unfortunately, we have yet another snow storm in the forecast. The good news is spring is on our calendar this month and I hope it will also be in the weather forecast in a few weeks.*

*The Community Board received several complaints about homeowners who failed to remove snow from their sidewalks endangering pedestrians. Although I included the snow and ice removal regulations in my January Newsletter, I am including it again in the "Did You Know" page.*

*I am also urging you to contact us and/or 311 when homeowners fail to remove snow from their sidewalks. In addition, please contact us and let us know how the Department of Sanitation is handling the snow removal in your area. Let us know about problem locations so we can have them addressed. You may also contact us when Department of Sanitation personnel is doing a good job as well. Compliments go a long way.*

*If you are a youth between the age of 14- 21 years old, it is not too soon to start planning for a summer job. Parents, grandparents and guardian encourage your youth to apply. On Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) Online Application process will GO LIVE for Youth and Young Adults ages 14 – 21 who are In-School or Out-of-School. Unfortunately, if you are a graduating senior from a four year college or university (May 2014), you will not be eligible to participate in SYEP. To access the online application, follow the link below:*

<https://application.nycsyep.com>

*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. 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](http://www.nyc.gov/queenscb8). Remember to "Like" us on*

**facebook**



## *A Message from the Social Security Administration...*

Beginning **August 2014**, SSA will no longer issue Social Security number printouts in its field offices. Individuals who need proof of their Social Security number and cannot find their card, will need to apply for a replacement card.

In addition, beginning **October 2014**, the field offices will stop providing benefit verification letters, except in emergency situations. Benefit verifications are available online, and can be obtained anytime by registering for a **my Social Security** account located at: [www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount), or requested through our national toll-free number: 1(800)772-1213

**Please share this information, and help us get the word out to all concerned.**

# Participatory Budgeting (PB) Projects

## Council Member Mark Weprin, District 23

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Each voter can choose up to five projects.

### Community Facilities

- ❶ Handicapped Accessible Shuttle Buses for Samuel Field Y, 58-20 Little Neck Parkway - \$150,000
- ❷ IT Infrastructure and Technology Upgrade for SNAP Senior Center's planned new building - \$200,000

### Libraries

- ❶ Security Upgrades for District Libraries - \$86,000 each, \$344,000 total  
Bellerose Library / Fresh Meadows Library / Hollis Library / Windsor Park Library
- ❷ Security Upgrade for Queens Village Library, 94-11 217<sup>th</sup> Street - \$125,000
- ❸ Self Check-in and Check-out Technology Upgrade for Queens Village Library, 94-11 217<sup>th</sup> St. - \$385,000
- ❹ Self Check-out Technology Upgrade for Hollis Library, 202-05 Hillside Avenue - \$200,000

### Parks

- ❶ Bellerose Reading Garden at Bellerose Playground, 249<sup>th</sup> Street between 85<sup>th</sup> & 86<sup>th</sup> Avenues - \$250,000
- ❷ Installation of Fitness Equipment at Cunningham Park, near the track - \$200,000
- ❸ Preservation and Restoration of Captain Dermody Triangle, 216<sup>th</sup> Street and 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue - \$275,000

### Schools

- ❶ SMART Boards for District Schools - \$4500 each, \$450,000 total  
Public School 33Q, Edward M. Funk, 91-37 222<sup>nd</sup> Street, Queens Village – 40 SMART Boards  
Intermediate School 109Q, Jean Nuzzi, 213-10 92<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Queens Village – 20 SMART Boards  
PS/IS 266Q, 74-10 Commonwealth Boulevard, Bellerose – 15 SMART Boards  
Benjamin N. Cardozo High School, 57-00 223<sup>rd</sup> Street, Oakland Gardens – 5 SMART Boards  
Queens High School of Teaching, 74-20 Commonwealth Boulevard – 20 SMART Boards
- ❷ Technology Upgrades for District Schools - \$85,785 total  
Public School 135Q, Bellaire, 207-11 89<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Queens Village - \$50,895  
Public School 18Q, Winchester, 86-35 235<sup>th</sup> Court, Queens Village - \$34,890
- ❸ Gym Project for Martin Van Buren High School, 230-17 Hillside Avenue, Queens Village - \$35,000

### Transportation & Public Safety

- ❶ Portable Security Cameras, locations to be determined by NYPD - \$100,000
- ❷ Union Turnpike median curb repair, Hollis Hills Terrace to 226<sup>th</sup> Street - \$300,000

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## Council Member Mark S. Weprin

73-03 Bell Boulevard, Oakland Gardens, New York 11364 • (718) 468-0137 • [MWeprin@Council.NYC.gov](mailto:MWeprin@Council.NYC.gov)

Voting locations on the next page ...

## VOTING LOCATIONS AND TIMES

| DATE                       | LOCATION                   | ADDRESS  | HOURS             |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|-------------------|
| <b>SATURDAY, 3/29/2014</b> | Bayside Senior Center      | 221-15 Horace Harding Expressway<br>Oakland Gardens, NY 11364  | 10 AM - 1 PM      |
|                            | Red Mango                  | 61-47 188th Street, Fresh Meadows, NY 11365  | 2 PM - 6 PM       |
| <b>SUNDAY, 3/30/2014</b>   | Cross Island Y             | 238-10 Hillside Avenue Bellerose, NY 11426   | 10 AM - 2 PM      |
| <b>MONDAY, 3/31/2014</b>   | District Office            | 73-03 Bell Boulevard<br>Oakland Gardens, NY 11364  | 10 AM - 6 PM      |
|                            | Key Food                   | 214-14 73rd Avenue, Bayside, NY 11364  | 10 AM - 2PM       |
| <b>TUESDAY, 4/1/2014</b>   | District Office            | 73-03 Bell Boulevard<br>Oakland Gardens, NY 11364  | 10 AM - 6 PM      |
|                            | Glen Oaks Library          | 256-04 Union Turnpike, Glen Oaks, NY 11004   | 2:30 PM - 6:30PM  |
|                            | Community Board 8          | 197-15 Hillside Avenue, Holliswood, NY 11423   | 4 PM - 8 PM       |
| <b>WEDNESDAY, 4/2/2014</b> | District Office            | 73-03 Bell Boulevard<br>Oakland Gardens, NY 11364  | 10 AM - 6 PM      |
|                            | Glen Oaks Library          | 256-04 Union Turnpike, Glen Oaks, NY 11004   | 2:30 PM - 6:30 PM |
|                            | North Shore Towers         | 272-48 Grand Central Parkway<br>Floral Park, NY 11005  | 11 AM - 3 PM      |
| <b>THURSDAY, 4/3/2014</b>  | District Office            | 73-03 Bell Boulevard<br>Oakland Gardens, NY 11364  | 10 AM - 6 PM      |
|                            | Hilltop Village Co-op      | 87-15 204th Street, Holliswood, NY 11423<br>The Dover Building, basement<br>(side entrance by the parking lot) | 4 PM - 8 PM       |
|                            | North Hills Branch Library | 57-04 Marathon Parkway<br>Douglaston, NY 11362   | 2 PM - 6 PM       |
| <b>FRIDAY, 4/4/2014</b>    | District Office            | 73-03 Bell Boulevard<br>Oakland Gardens, NY 11364  | 10 AM - 6 PM      |
|                            | Bayside Senior Center      | 221-15 Horace Harding Expressway<br>Oakland Gardens, NY 11364  | 10 AM - 2PM       |
|                            | Red Mango                  | 61-47 188th Street, Fresh Meadows, NY 11365  | 3 PM - 6 PM       |
| <b>SATURDAY, 4/5/2014</b>  | Cross Island Y             | 238-10 Hillside Avenue, Bellerose, NY 11426  | 11 AM - 3PM       |



**NAMI** Family-to-Family  
National Alliance on Mental Illness

NAMI

Family-to-Family is an educational course for family, caregivers and friends of individuals living with mental illness.

**What You Should Expect**

- ◆ Meets for 12 sessions, 2.5 hours each, free of cost.
- ◆ Designed for loved ones (over age 18) of individuals living with mental illness.
- ◆ Taught by trained family members of individuals living with mental illness.
- ◆ Provides critical information and strategies related to care giving.
- ◆ Incorporates presentations, discussion and exercises.

Designated an **Evidence Based Practice in 2013 by SAMHSA**

Starting Date—**Thursday, March 6, 2014**

**When:** March 6th through May 22, 2014

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Where:** Creedmoor Psychiatric Center  
79-25 Winchester Blvd. —Building 40 on 16th Floor  
Queens Village, NY 11427

**To register:** email [namiqn@aol.com](mailto:namiqn@aol.com) or call (516) 326-0697 or (718) 347-7284



**Queens Botanical Garden**  
43-50 Main Street in Flushing  
**Intergenerational Open House**

**Saturday, March 8, 2014**

*10:00 a.m to Noon*

All local gardening enthusiasts are invited to join and to cultivate their own garden beds. The IG Garden is open to residents of all ages, but you must be 18 or older to register. The program will operate on **Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon**, throughout the spring, summer and fall months, beginning on Tuesday, April 1st and continuing through Saturday, November 15, 2014.

*For travel directions and more information visit [www.queensbotanical.org](http://www.queensbotanical.org) or call (718) 886-3800*

**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](http://www.bigapplecircus.org)  
for more information.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**The Queens Civic Congress Bi-Annual Legislative Luncheon** will be on:

**Sunday, April 27, 2014**

**From 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Antun's

96-43 Springfield Blvd, Queens, NY 11429





*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???*

### *Snow and Ice Removal*

Every owner, lessee, tenant, occupant, or other person having charge of any lot or building must clean snow and/or ice from the sidewalk within **4 hours** after the snow has stopped falling, or by **11:00 a.m.** if the snow has stopped falling after **9:00 p.m.** the previous evening. Snow may **NOT** be thrown into the street. If the snow or ice becomes frozen so hard that it cannot be removed, the sidewalk may be strewn with ashes, sand, sawdust, or similar suitable material within the same time limits. The sidewalk must be thoroughly cleaned as soon as the weather permits.

#### **§16-123 FINE:**

**\$100 - \$150 - 1st Offense**

**\$150 - \$350 - 2nd Offense**

**\$250 - \$350 - 3rd & Subsequent Offenses**

### *Street Storage of Vehicles Prohibited*

When parking is not otherwise restricted by posted signs, no person shall park any vehicle in any area, including a residential area, **in excess of seven consecutive days.**

#### **§ 4-08 (m) (9)**

### *Restrictions on Crossing Sidewalks*

No driving bikes on sidewalks unless sign allows or wheels are less than 26 inches in diameter and rider is **twelve years or younger.**

#### **§ 4-07 (c)(3)**

## LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS



- ◆ **Zen Fusion Cuisine, Inc.**  
79-28 Parsons Boulevard in Flushing, NEW application for a Wine and Beer License.
- ◆ **L'Bella Pizzeria & Restaurant**  
69-26/28 Main Street in Flushing, NEW application for a Wine and Beer License.
- ◆ **New Traditions, Inc.**  
84-28 164th Street in Jamaica Hills, RENEWAL application for Liquor, Wine and Beer License.
- ◆ **UCT Clearview Restaurant Corp. D/B/A Peking House**  
185-23 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows, RENEWAL 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.



- ◆ **Mach 5, 2014** - Ash Wednesday
- ◆ **March 16, 2014** - Purim

## Street Activity/Block Party Permit Request Received by Community Board 8 for March 2014:



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

## DEMOLITION/VACATE NOTICE

- ◆ **178-28 Wexford Terrace**  
House & Garage



*Free Immigration Services are being provided at the Community Board 8 office on the **1st and 3rd Fridays** of every month. These services are funded by*

**City Councilman Mark Weprin**

and facilitated by

**CUNY Citizenship Now!**

**Upcoming Dates: March 7th and March 21st**  
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*

## **World Kidney Day**

Thursday, March 13, 2014

*Join the National Kidney Foundation at the  
Grand Central Terminal in NYC for:*

- ◆ Free Awareness event from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- ◆ Free Health Screening from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Vanderbilt Hall
- ◆ Receive free educational resources about kidney diseases and risk factors
- ◆ Take the Kidney Risk Quiz and receive results via email to take along to your next doctor's visit
- ◆ Take a photo in the NKLF photo booth. Use the themed props and upload photos on social media
- ◆ Meet the NKF mascot, Sidney the Kidney!

Learn more at [www.kidney.org](http://www.kidney.org)

## **Congresswoman Grace Meng**



*In Conjunction with  
Community Board 8 Queens  
Bring*

**Congress on Your Corner**

**Wednesday, March 19, 2014**  
5:00pm to 7:00pm

**Hillcrest Public Library**  
187-05 Union Turnpike  
Flushing, NY 11366

**For more information call - 718-445-7860**

*In like a lion out like a lamb*



# March 2014

## Community Board 8, Queens

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue  | Wed  | Thu  | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|--|--|--|-----|-----|
|   |  |  |  |  |     | 1   |
| 2   | 3  | 4<br> | 5<br> | 6  | 7   | 8   |
| 9<br>   | 10<br><b>Public Hearing</b><br>FY 2015<br>Cap./Exp.<br>Budget<br>CB8 Office<br>197-15 Hillside<br>Avenue | 11   | 12   | 13<br><b>World Kidney<br/>Day!</b>   | 14  | 15  |
| 16<br> | 17<br>                | 18   | 19<br><b>Board Meeting</b><br>7:30 p.m.<br>Hillcrest J C<br>183-02 Union<br>Turnpike   | 20<br><b>Parks<br/>Committee<br/>Mtg.</b><br>CB8 Office<br>197-15 Hillside | 21  | 22  |
| 23  | 24   | 25   | 26   | 27   | 28  | 29  |
| 30  | 31   |  |  |  |     |     |