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COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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OFFICERS

CHAIRMAN: Alvin Warshaviak
DISTRICT MANAGER: Marie Adam-Ovide
1st VICE CHAIR: Stanley Weinblatt
2nd VICE CHAIR: Martha Taylor
3rd VICE CHAIR: Seymour Schwartz
EXEC. SECRETARY: Carolyn Baker-Brown
TREASURER: Harbachan Singh
BUDGET DIRECTOR: Vacant

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Honorable Mark S. Weprin
Honorable Rory Laneman

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Honorable Melinda Katz

STAFF

Joseph Marziliano, Jatna Pimentel-Agramonte and
Alma Karassavidis.

BOARD MEMBERS BY AREA

Area 1 – Kew Gardens Hills

Dr. Allen J. Bennett – CHAIR, Susan D. Cleary, Florence Fisher, Joshua Glikman, Bright Limm, Mitch Lisker, Jennifer Martin, Rabbi Shlomo Nisanov, Simon Pelman, Michael Sidell and Jacob Weinberg

Area 2 – Briarwood

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

Area 3 - Hillcrest Estates & Jamaica Hill

Kevin Forrestal - CHAIR, Dilafroz Ahmed, Fakrul Islam Delwar, Paul Lazauskas, Frances Peterson and Samuel Rodriguez

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, 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, Martha Taylor and Mohammed Tohin

Community Board 8, Queens Hillcrest Jewish Center

183-02 Union Turnpike (Auditorium)
Fresh Meadows, NY 11366

- ◆ The Minutes of the February 11, 2015 Board Meeting were unanimously approved by 35 members
- ◆ **Deputy Commissioner Amit Bagga** - Encouraged residents to apply for the Earned Income Tax Credit and informed us of the Department of Consumer Affairs free tax services [see page 7].
- ◆ **Guest Speaker Morgan Jones** gave a presentation on PlaNYC. He encouraged community residents to participate in the City's long term planning [complete and return survey on pages 3-4 and return it to CB8].
- ◆ **ULURP N150080 ECQ** - A Sidewalk Café for Mela's Café located at 71-02 Kissena Blvd. with 15 tables and 56 seats was approved.

In favor: 33

Opposed: 3

Abstained: 0

- ◆ **Government Affairs Committee** - Harbachan Singh, Chair:

- ◆ **Resolution against Term Limits for Board Members** - Urging that the New York City Council vote against Intro 585 that calls for term limits for Community Board Members.

In favor: 36

Opposed: 3

Abstained: 0

Next Community Board 8 Meeting will be on **WEDNESDAY, April 15, 2015** at 7:30 p.m.

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

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◆ **DEP/Sanitation Committee - Kevin Forrestal, Chair:**

- ◆ **Resolution for Multi-Dwelling Smoking Ban** - Urging conversion to smoke free multi-dwelling housing and urging legislation for the creation of new smoke-free housing.

In favor: 31

Opposed: 5

Abstained: 0

- ◆ **Letter to NYS Department of Environmental Conservancy calling for independent review was unanimously approved.**

In favor: 36

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

◆ **Capital/Expense Budget Committee - 2nd Vice-Chair/Interim Budget Director Martha Taylor**

Ms. Taylor announced that the Capital/Expense Budget Committee met and discussed the Mayor's Preliminary Budget. The letter in response to the Mayor's Preliminary Budget was discussed and approved. It will be sent to the Mayor and the Office of the Management and Budget on behalf of the Board.

A Word from the District Manager ...

Dear Resident:

Community Board 8 has arranged with the Department of Sanitation for the special pre-Passover garbage collections for Hillcrest, Utopia Estates, Jamaica Estates, Holliswood and Kew Gardens Hills. This will assist our Jewish residents in preparing for the Passover Holidays.

On **Friday, April 3, 2015**, all houses in these areas will have a curbside trash pickup between midnight and 10:30 a.m. **Be sure to have all your trash/chometz out at the curb in front of your house for pick up by midnight Thursday.** Please do separate your garbage and recycling. This is in addition to the special Sanitation Department bins for chometz that will be stationed at the following locations. (Please do **NOT** park in front of these locations so the sanitation bins can be properly situated.)

To create a safe environment, a burning station will also be available at each location below:

Date: **Friday, April 3, 2015**

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.

Please share this information with your friends, neighbors and members of your organization.

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. Remember to "Like" us on*

facebook

**SAVE THE DATE!
CB 8's HEALTH FAIR
FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2015**

NYC Department of Environmental Protection proposed a rate increase of 3.24% to the NYC Water Board for Fiscal Year 2016.





PlaNYC 2015

Leave Your Mark: share your ideas for a better New York with plaNYC.
A community-based blueprint for our future.

Every four years, New York City updates its plan to help address our long term goals. This year we want to hear from all New Yorkers - how can we make our City better and stronger for our shared future? **MAKE YOUR VOICES HEARD** and share your ideas for how our City moves forward.

Please Note: At the end of the survey you can choose to make your name and identifying information available for everyone to see or keep it more private. If you want to share more, log on to nyc.gov/ideas.

To get started, what's your home zip code?

How would you fill in the blank below?
Go ahead and write as much as you want in the box.

One way to create a better New York City is to _____

Please check off the box or boxes below which best relate to your idea.

- Housing
- Affordability
- Education
- Jobs
- Health
- Infrastructure like roads, internet access, or public transportation
- Public services, like recycling, trash collection, or 311
- Public safety
- Connecting government and communities
- Environment
- Technology
- Other (specify) _____

This survey is just the first step in charting our course as a city. **We need your input as we continue the planning process.** Please leave your email address, name, phone number, and home address so we can provide more opportunities for you to leave your mark, keep you up-to-date on how the plan is developing, and send you more information about the future of our city. If you prefer, you can leave any of the information below blank.

What is your email address?

What is your full name?

What is your phone number?

What is your home address?

Check off the box below if you do not want NYC to use the information you provided in the questions to the above in the final plan or in other public reports.

We will stay in touch using the phone number, email address, or home address you provide. If you check off the box below, we will not share that information outside of city government and will keep it confidential to the full extent provided by law.

Please do NOT use my first name and last initial, my e-mail address, my phone number and my home address in any public reports or share that information outside City government.

For statistical purposes only, please check off the box or boxes below that best describe your gender:

- Male
- Female
- Transgender
- Something else
- Prefer not to say

What is your age?

- 18-29
- 30-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65+
- Prefer not to say

For statistical purposes only, please check off the box or boxes below that best represent your race and/or ethnicity:

- Black/African-American
- White/Caucasian
- Hispanic/Latino
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- Asian
- American Indian/Alaska Native
- Something else (SPECIFY)
- Prefer not to say

Have more to say?

Visit us online at NYC.gov/ideas

Thank you so much for participating in the PlaNYC survey!



475 Riverside Drive, 13th Floor
New York, NY 10115
Phone: 212 870 2080
www.bike.nyc

New York City School Administrators and Community Leaders:

Bike New York has a wonderful, free bike safety program for your school or community organization. Bike New York is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote bicycling as a safe, healthy, and sustainable means of transportation and recreation.

Our Bike Safety Assembly is designed to teach students how to ride safely and confidently. It consists of a short, kid-friendly video, and an interactive quiz game—with prizes!—intended to teach kids that though riding a bike is tons of fun, cyclists must be responsible and abide by certain rules. As the name of the program implies, much of the content also focuses on safety: how to properly wear a helmet, remain alert, use hand signals, and follow the rules of the road—all while enjoying the ride! Our Bike Safety Assembly is tailored for one, 45-minute class period.

We would be happy to send a trained cycling instructor to your school or organization to provide and implement an engaging and entertaining program. Additional information can be found on our website at <http://www.bike.nyc/education/programs/bike-safety-assembly/>

To schedule a free Bike Safety Assembly at your school or organization, please contact Zoë Cheswick at Bike New York either via email zcheswick@bike.nyc or by phone (212-870-2097).

Bike New York is best known for producing the world's largest recreational bike ride—the TD Five Boro Bike Tour, a 40-mile, car-free ride for 32,000 cyclists through all five boroughs of New York City. We also organize regional rides, community rides, and the nation's most-attended consumer bike show, Bike Expo New York. Proceeds from these events fund our free bike education classes for kids and adults—last year alone, we taught bike riding and bike safety skills to more than 16,000 people. We look forward to meeting you.

Best,

Sharon Pope
Outreach Manager



*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???

Lead Paint

Local law 1 of 2004 requires owners of multiple dwellings [3 or more apartments] must give a Lead Information Brochure to tenants when they sign a lease or move into an apartment if the multiple dwelling was built before 1960, or was built between 1960 and 1978 if the owner knows that the building has lead paint. For a copy of the law and applicable rules go to: www.nyc.gov/hpd

Landlords must find out if there are any children younger than six years old living in the building every year. He/she must safely remove lead paint hazards before a new tenant moves in.

For complaints about peeling lead paint, contact 311 or your Community Board.

Posting on Trees

It is illegal for any person to affix any handbill, poster, notice, sign, advertisement, sticker or other printed material upon any tree by any means. In addition, affixing any handbill, poster, notice, sign, advertisement, sticker or other printed material upon a tree by means of nailing or piercing the tree by any method shall have an additional penalty imposed equal to the amount of the original penalty. There is a rebuttable presumption that a person whose name, telephone number, or other identifying information appears on any handbill, poster, notice, sign, advertisement, sticker or other printed material item or structure is in violation. Every handbill, poster, notice, sign, advertisement, sticker or other printed material shall be deemed a separate violation. Anyone found to have violated this provision, in addition to any penalty imposed, shall also be responsible for the cost of the removal of the unauthorized postings.

**§10-119, §10-121 (a-e) FINE: 150 - \$200 - 1st Offense
\$300-\$500 - 2nd & Subsequent Offenses**



LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

- ◆ **Red House Asian Fusion Inc.**
192-03 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows, ***Renewal application for a Wine and Beer License.***
- ◆ **Monte Limar Sports Bar Inc.** d/b/a Monte Limar Sports Bar
172-37 Hillside Avenue in Jamaica, ***Renewal application for a Wine, Beer and Liquor License.***
- ◆ **Top Green LLC** d/b/a Savvy Gas
173-12 Horace Harding Expressway in Flushing, ***Renewal application for a Beer License.***
- ◆ **Fresh Meadows Apple, Inc.** d/b/a Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar
61-48 188th Street in Fresh Meadows, ***Renewal application for a Wine, Beer and 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.

CITY PARKING RULES

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

Holy Thursday..... **April 2nd**
 Good Friday..... **April 3rd**
 Passover..... **April 4th - April 5th**
 Easter..... **April 5th**
 Holy Thursday (Orthodox) **April 9th**
 Passover..... **April 10th - April 11th**
 Good Friday (Orthodox) **April 10th**



DEMOLITION/VACATE NOTICE



- ◆ 164-11 Highland Avenue - Demolition
- ◆ 87-36 139th Street - Demolition
- ◆ 67-36 167th Street - Demolition
- ◆ 198-12 Dunton Avenue - Demolition
- ◆ 69-21 184th Street - Demolition
- ◆ 69-32 178th Street - Demolition (partial)



NYC Department of Consumer Affairs

Tax Preparation at the



Queens Borough Public Libraries and other locations:

FRESH MEADOWS
193-20 Horace Harding Exp.
Fresh Meadows, NY 11365

POMONOK
158-21 Jewel Ave
Flushing, NY 11365

HILLCREST
187-05 Union Tpke
Flushing, NY 11366

BRIARWOOD
85-12 Main Street
Briarwood, NY 11435

**FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
162-10 Highland Avenue
Jamaica, NY 11432

To receive this **FREE** service,
you must earn **\$53,000 or less** if you have children or
\$18,000 or less if you do not have children.

Department of Design and Construction—QED 989

3/30/15 - 4/3/15 **Croydon Road** (Homelawn Street to Midland parkway) - Water Main Installation
 3/10/15 - 4/3/15 **Grand Central Parkway SR** (Avon Road to 188th Street) Final Restoration
A 24 hour Notice should be posted on all affected properties.
Call 311 or Community Board 8 with any issues at 718-264-7895.

April 2015

Community Board 8, Queens



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 	2 Holy Thursday 	3 Good Friday/ Passover begins 	4
5 	6	7	8	9	10	11 Passover Ends 
12 Orthodox Easter 	13	14 Liquor License Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Avenue	15* Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Earth Day 	23	24 Arbor Day  Administrative Professional Day	25
26	27	28	29	30		

* Last Day to file income taxes.