



COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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OFFICERS

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3rd VICE CHAIR: Michael Hannibal
EXEC. SECRETARY: Carolyn Baker-Brown
TREASURER: Harbachan Singh

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Honorable Barry Grodenchik - 23rd District
Honorable Rory Lancman - 24th District

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Honorable Melinda Katz

STAFF

Jatnna Reyes, Community Associate
Izabela Szczepanska, Community Assistant
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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 and Jacob Weinberg

Area 2 – Briarwood

Seymour Schwartz – CHAIR, Carolyn Baker-Brown, Allen Eisenstein, John Gebhard, Elke Maerz, Charlton Rhee, Douglas Sherman and Albert Willingham

Area 3 - Hillcrest Estates & Jamaica Hills

Kevin Forrestal - CHAIR, Dilafroz Ahmed, Bhitihara-Martha Fulton, Fakrul "Delwar" Islam, Paul Lazauskas and Frances Peterson

Area 4 – Flushing Heights, Flushing Suburban, Hillcrest

Jagir Singh Bains – CHAIR, Kenneth Cohen II, Steven Konigsberg, Dilip Nath and Dr. Penny M. Stern

Area 5 – Georgetown Mews, Pomonok, Electchester, Flushing

Mary Maggio – CHAIR, Monica Corbett, Carolann Foley, Frank Magri, Rachele Van Arsdale 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

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

April Showers Bring May Flowers... Happy Spring!

Community Board 8, Queens

Hillcrest Jewish Center

183-02 Union Turnpike (Auditorium)

Fresh Meadows, NY 11366

- ◇ The Minutes of February 13, 2019 Board Meeting were unanimously approved by 29 members.
- ◇ Chairperson Taylor read a letter from Honorable Rory Lancman regarding his support for the variance application for 80-14 Chevy Chase Street *[written statement on file at CB8]*.
- ◇ She wished a Happy Birthday to Michael Hannibal, Harbachan Singh and Dilip Nath.

Guest Speaker: Jamalodeen Baksh, Regional Partnership Specialist from the U.S. Census Bureau

Mr. Baksh gave a presentation on the 2020 Census. Here are the main highlights of his PowerPoint Presentation:

- ◇ The mission is to serve at the nation's leading provider of quality data about its people and economy.
- ◇ The purpose is to conduct a census of population and housing and disseminate the results to the President, the States and the American People.
- ◇ 2020 Census is mandated by Article 1, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution.
- ◇ All responses collected are protected by the Federal Law and are only used to produce statistics. Violating Title 13 is a serious federal crime. Violators are subject to serve penalties, including a federal prison sentence of up to five years, a fine of up to \$250,000 or both.
- ◇ Determines the annual allocation of \$675 billion dollars in federal funding.
- ◇ Allowing Census Bureau staff the opportunity to have a presence at your events speaks volumes to the community. They are available to speak or participate at your events to share the census message.

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Next Community Board 8 Meeting will be on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

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

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Committee Reports:

Steven Konigsberg, Zoning Committee Chair

BSA Cal. No. 23-08-BZ – 80-14 Chery Chase Street, Jamaica Estates, NY

A public hearing was held on March 11, 2019 to request an amendment of the previously granted variance under BSA Cal. No. 23-08-BZ (the “Prior Variance”), to permit modification of the previously-approved plans. This would legalize the existing Synagogue by allowing a larger assembly space in the cellar with an accessory kitchen.

President of the Bukharian Community Center in Jamaica Estates **Mr. Edward Zavlyanov** announced that they wish to withdraw the application. **No vote was taken.**

Steven Konigsberg, Zoning Committee Chair

BSA Cal. No. 2018-184-A through 189-A – 87-27 Palermo Street, Holliswood, NY

A public hearing was held on March 11, 2019 to approve a request for a waiver of GCL (General City Law) Sections 35 and 36 to permit the proposed development within the mapped street but unbuilt portion of Clover Place; to allow for the construction of buildings that do not front a mapped street.

A roll call was taken. In Favor: 0 Opposed: 31 Abstained: 0

Seymour Schwartz, Health Committee Chair

Ad Hoc T-Building Committee:

A developer came forward with a proposal for rehabilitation of the T-Building. That included: 206 affordable housing apartments, 12,000 square feet given to the Health and Hospitals Corporation for its free use and 8,000 square feet for a community center. They will begin construction on the T-Building in either April or May. A prepared statement by Queens Community House was distributed as to how they will conceive their contribution. Assembly Member Weprin sent a forceful letter to his colleagues in support of capital funding. He asked the Board to include our community center [T-Building] in our budget request for 2021. He also requested that our city and state legislators do the same.

Marc A. Haken, Budget Director

Response to the Mayor’s 2020 Preliminary Budget:

A letter was drafted to submit in response to Mayor’s Preliminary Budget for 2020 for the Expense Budget and Capital Budget. Many of the responses received from the agencies were the same as given to us in prior years - that is unacceptable [A copy of the letter is on file at the office].

A hand vote was taken. **All members voted unanimously to send the letter with no abstentions.**

A Word from the District Manager ...

Dear Community Board 8 Resident:

*As you may be aware, every Tuesdays Community Board 8 hosts **CUNY Citizenship Now** in our office. An immigration attorney comes to assist NYC residents [by appointment] with free immigration consultations, free application assistance for the naturalization process, DACA Renewals, TPS Renewals and Fee Waivers. These **free** services are sponsored by Council Member Barry Grodenchik.*

*In addition, **CUNY Citizenship Now** will host an immigration event on **Wednesday, April 10, 2019** at the Jamaica YMCA. There will be other dates and locations for similar events in April. For an appointment or more information, please call **646-664-9400**.*

*If you find this information useful, please help spread the word by sharing it 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 or to receive the **Newsletter earlier**, please contact us at 718-264-7895 and provide your email address. This information is also available on our website: www.nyc.gov/queenscb8.*

Kew Gardens Interchange Infrastructure and Operational Improvement Project:

Phase 4

Contract D900043 | PIN: X051.60

The Project

The New York State Department of Transportation has initiated a \$365 million phase 4 project to reduce congestion and improve the flow of traffic at the Kew Gardens Interchange. Built in the 1930s and expanded in the 1960s, the Kew Gardens Interchange is the complex intersection of the Grand Central Parkway, Jackie Robinson Parkway, Union Turnpike and Van Wyck Expressway, providing access to John F. Kennedy International Airport and Laguardia Airport. Under Phase 4, the final phase of the project, the ramps and bridges connecting the Interchange's roadways will be reconfigured to eliminate the existing stop signs and also provide shoulders and acceleration/deceleration lanes. These changes will result in a smoother and safer flow of traffic.



Project Benefits

- Five new bridges constructed and six existing bridges replaced
- Widened travel lanes and shoulders
- On and off ramps improved to enhance traffic flow
- Lane configuration changes for safer merging and exiting
- Improved sight distance
- Updated ground and overhead signage
- Lighting, drainage and landscaping improvements
- ADA-compliant facilities for pedestrians

Community Liaison

The project team will make every effort to minimize construction and traffic impacts. To promptly and proactively address community concerns, NYSDOT has hired a community liaison. **Melissa Johnson** is available to answer your questions, provide information, and assist you with resolving construction-related issues.

Community Liaison Melissa Johnson

Phone: 718-502-5372 | Email: KewGardensInterchangePhase4Project@dot.ny.gov

Web: www.dot.ny.gov/kgi



**Department of
Transportation**



**ASSEMBLYMEMBER
DANIEL ROSENTHAL**

&

**COUNCIL MEMBER
RORY I. LANCMAN**

HOST:

E-WASTE RECYCLING

BY LOWER EAST SIDE ECOLOGY CENTER

WHEN:

Sunday, April 14, 2019

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. (E-WASTE RECYCLING)

RAIN OR SHINE



WHERE:

(DROP OFF SITE):

In Front of Young Israel of Kew Gardens Hills on
150th Street between Jewel Avenue and 70th Road



ELECTRONICS RECYCLING IS REQUIRED BY LAW.

WE ACCEPT:

WORKING & NON-WORKING COMPUTERS, MONITORS, PRINTERS, SCANNERS,
KEYBOARDS, MICE, CABLES, TVS, VCRS, DVD PLAYERS, PHONES,
AUDIO/VISUAL EQUIPMENT, CELL PHONES & PDAS.

Some restrictions apply. Please visit lesecologycenter.org for further details.



For more information about this or any other community issue, contact me at:
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NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

BARRY S. GRODENCHIK

23RD COUNCIL DISTRICT, QUEENS

Free Civil Legal Services Coming to Your Neighborhood



Courtesy of



**Council Member
Barry S. Grodenchik**

The Mobile Legal Help Center is a partnership between the New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG) and the New York State Courts' Access to Justice Program that provides free civil legal services to New Yorkers in need.

Private meeting rooms and technology inside the vehicle enable it to function as a full-service office.

The vehicle will be stationed at:
Fresh Meadows Library
193-20 Horace Harding Expressway
Fresh Meadows, NY 11365

April 29, 2019
10am to 3pm

To make an appointment, please visit:
<https://mobilelegalhelpcenter.acuityscheduling.com/>

For more information, please call:
(212) 788-7075



**Assembly Member
Nily Rozic**

Staff onboard the Mobile Legal Help Center will provide FREE legal assistance on issues related to:

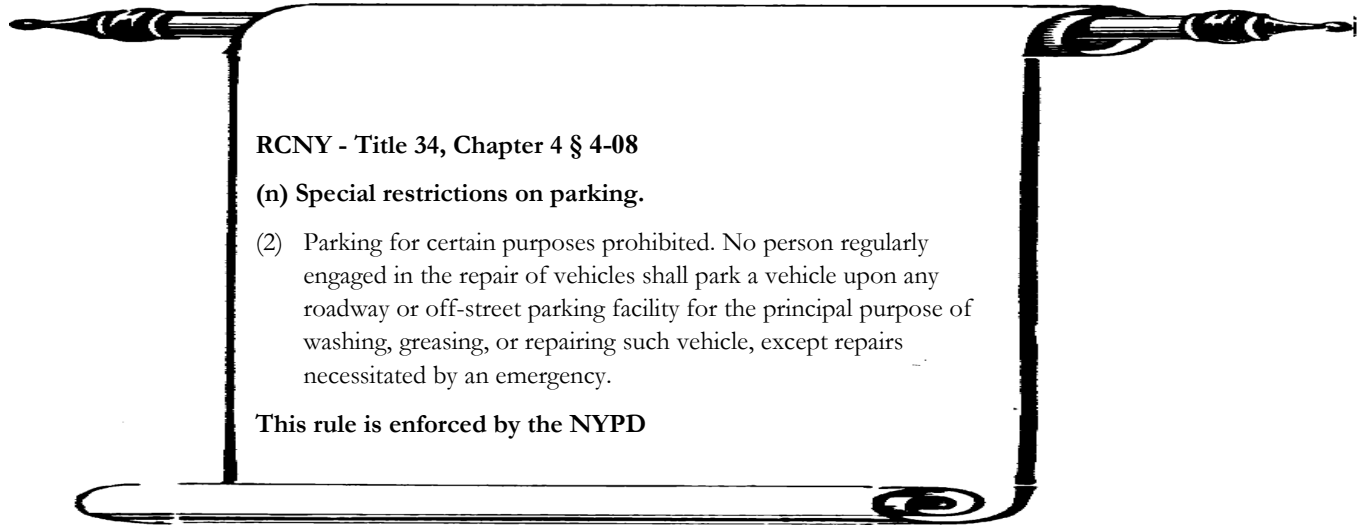
- HOUSING (TENANTS ONLY)
- PUBLIC BENEFITS
- DISABILITY BENEFITS
- HEALTHCARE BENEFITS
- IDENTITY THEFT
- DEBT MANAGEMENT
- CONSUMER CREDIT
- IMMIGRATION
- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



*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???



Chometz Burning Stations & Sanitation Bin Locations in Community Board 8, Queens

Date: **Friday, April 19, 2019**

Time: **Approximately 6 a.m. to approximately 11:30 a.m.**

- In front of the Young Israel of Holliswood located at 86-25 Francis Lewis Blvd **NEW!**
- 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

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION (S)



- ♦ **Blaze Pizza Fresh Meadows LLC**
61-34 188th Street, Store 12A in Fresh Meadows, *New Wine, Beer and Cider License*
- ♦ **Grace Lanes LLC**
67-19 Parsons Boulevard in Flushing, *Renewal of 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.

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.....Thu., April 18th
Good Friday.....Fri., April 19th
Passover 1st Day.....Sat., April 20th
Passover 2nd Day.....Sun., April 21th
Holy Thursday (Orthodox)....Thu., April 25th
Good Friday (Orthodox).....Fri., April 26th
Passover 8th Day.....Sat., April 27th

Remember, parking meters are still in effect.

DEMOLITION/EXCAVATION NOTICE



Demolition Notices (DOB)

170-22 Cedar Croft Rd - Demolition (House)
181-05 64th Avenue - Demolition (House & Garage)
64-37 184th Street - Demolition (House)

Vacate Orders (HPD)

84-46 165th Street - Illegal apartment created at cellar.
141-35 85th Road - Fire damage throughout Apt. 3B)
150-30 71st Avenue - Fire damage throughout Apt. 5K

NYCPD

PATROL BORO
QUEENS SOUTH

PROM DRIVE 2019

Sometimes achieving a large dream means first making the small ones happen

Please help us by donating your unwanted clean suits, shirts, belts, and shoes to make a difference in the life of a High School Senior.

*Please drop off at ANY Queens South Community Affairs Office by April 20th
Contact Sgt. Clarke (917)681-5426*



THANK YOU ALL FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE



April 2019

Community Board 8, Queens

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 APRIL FOOL'S DAY	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Liquor License Committee. Mtg. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Ave. 7:30 p.m.	10 Board Meeting Hillcrest J.C. 183-02 Union Turnpike 7:30 p.m.	11	12	13
14 PALM SUNDAY	15 TAX DAY	16	17	18 Holy Thursday	19 GOOD FRIDAY	20 HAPPY PASSOVER
21 Easter Sunday	22 Earth Day	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

“Everybody wants happiness, nobody wants pain, but you can't have a rainbow without a little rain.” - Anonymous