



**December 2014**

## 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 Lanman

### 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, Brian DeMasters, Carolann Foley, Frank Magri, Steven Sadofsky and Stanley Weinblatt

#### Area 6 – Utopia, Fresh Meadows, West Cunningham Park

**Maria DeInnocentis – 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 October 22, 2014 Board Meeting were unanimously approved by 40 Members**
- ◆ **Chairman Alvin Warshaviak** offered condolences to Board Member Seymour Schwartz on the passing of his wife Zorya. He also offered condolences to Alan Beerman on the passing of his mother, Toby Beerman.
- ◆ **Assemblywoman Nily Rozic** reminded the residents of the new speed limit. She announced that a Speed Sign was posted outside Holy Family Church on 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue temporarily to slow down the 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue corridor.
- ◆ **Public Safety Committee Chair Mark Lefkof** reported on the state of NYPD, FDNY, and EMS in Community Board 8. The three firehouses in the jurisdiction of Community Board 8 (Union Turnpike, Utopia Parkway, and Hillside Avenue) all have major structural or electrical issues that need to be addressed. Public Safety Committee Chair Lefkof requested that a strong letter be sent to our elected officials to have the issues addressed.
- ◆ **BSA Calendar No. 226-14-BZ, 147-02 76<sup>th</sup> Road, Flushing, NY** - The applicant was seeking permission to construct a Synagogue at that location which would consist of a three (3) story use group 4 synagogue, associated religious school and Rabbi's office.

**In Favor 33**

**Against: 8**

**Abstained: 0**

- ◆ **BSA Calendar No. 35-10-BZ, 144-11 77<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Flushing, NY** - This application did not seek to construct a building. The building was previously constructed. This application sought to permit proposed changes to the BSA previously approved plans. Minor changes were proposed, along with an extension of the one year time period to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy.

**In Favor: 3**

**Against: 37**

**Abstained: 0**

**Next Community Board 8 Meeting will be on WEDNESDAY, December 10, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.**

\*\*\* 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:*

*During the 2014 Holiday Season let's make New York City the best place to live by following these rules and even go the extra mile by being a good neighbor:*

- ◆ *The Sanitation codes require that snow be removed from the sidewalks 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. In addition, 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.*

*As a good neighbor, you can also make a path for your elderly neighbor or for your neighbor with special needs. The Fire Department recommends clearing the hydrants of snow and ice as well - this can save a life.*

- ◆ *The Sanitation codes require that each person who owns, or controls a dog must remove any feces left by that dog on any sidewalk, gutter, street, or other public area and dispose of it in a legal manner. The person may remove the feces and carry them away with him/her for disposal in a toilet or place them in a non-leaking container or bag and deposit them in a DSNY litter basket. The provisions of this law do not apply to a guide dog accompanying any blind person.*

*As a good neighbor, do not dump the feces in your neighbor's garbage pail or his recycling bin. Take it with you and dispose of it in your own trash can.*

- ◆ *The Sanitation codes require that when using a "blower" for grass, leaves, litter, etc., it must be blown into a pile and properly disposed of with other sweepings. If you hire a landscaping service, the company is required to take the leaves, grass clipping and other yard waste and to dispose of them according to DSNY regulations. It cannot be put out for DSNY collection.*

*As a good neighbor, do not blow leaves, grass clippings and other debris onto your neighbor's property and do not sweep it into the catch basins. The Department of Environmental Protection recommends keeping the catch basins clear of leaves and debris. Clogged catch basins contribute to street flooding.*

*This is the season for sharing. Please share our Newsletter with a neighbor and encourage him/her to receive his/her own copy. Remember... **It takes more than City Hall to make New York City great, it takes us all!***

*Sincerely,*

***Marie Adam-Ovide***

*Happy Chanukah, Merry Christmas and Happy Kwanzaa!*

## Community Holiday Events

### Queens Botanical Garden Presents:



### A Winter Solstice Celebration

### & Tree Lighting Ceremony

Sunday, December 7, 2014 (1 p.m. to 5 p.m.)

Get into the holiday spirit with an afternoon of family fun, including a winter Garden tour, botanical crafts, live musical performances. Holiday Marketplace and Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Call 718-886-3800 for more information.



*Garden Admission is free from November 1st to March 31st.*

## 107th Precinct Council's



Sunday, December 7th

from

Noon to 3 p.m.

At the 107th Precinct

71-01 Parsons Blvd.

*Santa will be there and you are welcome to take a picture with him!*

All children must be accompanied by an adult.  
Those 12 years old and younger will receive a gift.

# The Holiday Season is the Season for Giving!



Assemblyman David I. Weprin

## Holiday Toy Drive

To Benefit the Governor Mario and  
Matilda Cuomo

HeartShare First Step Early Childhood Center

Bring an educational, **new**, unwrapped toy, game, or book suitable for children 12 years old and under until **Wednesday, December 17, 2014** to:

Fresh Meadows District Office  
185-06 Union Turnpike  
Fresh Meadows, NY 11366  
Tel: (718) 454-3027

&

Richmond Hill District Office  
111-12 Atlantic Avenue, #5  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418  
Tel: (718) 805-2381



To Benefit the River Fund New York

Please bring a variety of nonperishable foods like canned fruits, vegetables and meats; beans; dry pasta, grains as well as turkeys!

Food donations will be accepted until Friday, December 19, 2014



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### **MEDIA ADVISORY**

**WHAT:** The Mets and New York Cares are teaming up to host their annual Mets “Warm-Up” Holiday Coat Drive on Wednesday, December 3, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Mets Team Store at Citi Field. Fans bringing a new or **gently used** coat will receive a voucher redeemable for two tickets to a Mets home game in April 2015 (excluding Opening Day), as well as receive 15% off select regularly priced merchandise at the Mets Team Store at Citi Field, December 3rd only. Participants can park in Lot G on 126<sup>th</sup> Street.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, December 3, 2014  
10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Mr. Met in attendance from 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Citi Field – Fans drop off their coat inside the Mets Team Store adjacent to the Jackie Robinson Rotunda and may park in Lot G off 126<sup>th</sup> Street between the Right Field Gate and Roosevelt Avenue.



*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???



***Dogs must be on a leash (no more than six feet long) at all times [in NYC Parks], except in designated off-leash areas at prescribed times. Designated off-leash areas are:***

**Dog Runs:** Dog runs are large, fenced-in areas for dogs to exercise unleashed. Created with the expertise of a Parks Department landscape architect and volunteers, the runs encourage play while supplying good drainage, safe lighting and healthy plantings. For a list of dog runs, visit:  
[www.nyc.gov/parks/dogs](http://www.nyc.gov/parks/dogs)

**Designated Off-leash Areas:** Certain park areas allow dogs to be off-leash from the time the park opens until 9 a.m., and from 9 p.m. until the park closes. For a complete listing of sites, please visit:  
[www.nyc.gov/parks/dogs](http://www.nyc.gov/parks/dogs)

Dog owners/attendants with dogs off-leash in these designated areas must obey all general rules, including having their dog under control at all times, licensing the dog, and carrying proof of the dog's rabies vaccination.

*(Excerpt from "Dogs in Parks: A Guide")*



**Not Knowing the difference between No Standing, No Parking and No Stopping can be costly:**

- **No Parking** - Waiting is **not** allowed. You can load and unload packages or merchandise at curbside. You can drop off and pick up passengers.
- **No Standing** - Waiting is **not** allowed. You **cannot** load and unload packages or merchandise at curbside. You can drop off and pick up passengers.
- **No Stopping** - Waiting is **not** allowed. You **cannot** load and unload packages or merchandise at curbside. You **cannot** drop off and pick up passengers.

## LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS



- ◆ New Empire Deli & Grocery Corp. - d/b/a Empire Deli  
176-57 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows  
***NEW application for Beer License***
- ◆ Elite Café, Inc  
72-28 Main Street in Flushing  
***RENEWAL application for Wine and Beer License.***

***Any complaints about establishments with liquor licenses should be sent to the Board 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.***

## IMMIGRATION SERVICES

The Immigration Services offered at Community Board 8 are so successful that we have no open appointments for the months of December and January. These services are sponsored by Councilman Mark Weprin and facilitated by CUNY's Citizenship Now.



If you would like to be added to the waiting list, please call us at 718-264-7895

## **NYC Taxi & Limousine Commission FREE Yellow Taxi Driver Job Fair**



**Meet with taxi fleet owners, agents, industry groups and financing organizations. Apply for your TLC license at the fair to get started!**

**When: Thursday, December 4, 2014**  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (last entry at 3 p.m.)

**Where: Brooklyn Bridge Marriott**  
333 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201

Go to <http://tlcdriverfair.eventbrite.com> to sign up to attend this event.

- ◆ Bring your driver's license.
- ◆ You must be 19 years old - 24 preferred
- ◆ You must be able to pass a drug test
- ◆ TLC License fees are \$185. Bring your credit/debit card
- ◆ Questions? Visit [www.nyc.gov/tlc](http://www.nyc.gov/tlc)

## DEMOLITION/EXCAVATION NOTICE/ VACATE /EMERGENCY DECLARATION



- ◆ 170-05 Cedar Croft Road - **Emergency Declaration**

**Condition:** 8' high wood construction fence at exposure #2 (87-17 Homelawn Street), one section of plywood fence is missing top 4' section.

**Remedy:** Immediately replace missing section of plywood fence at exposure #2 adjacent to 87-17 Homelawn Street.

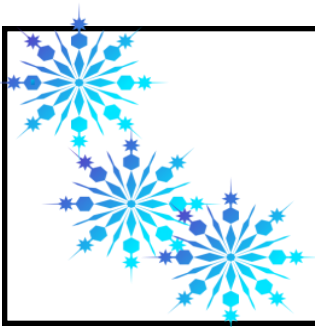
- ◆ 75-19 183rd Street - **Demolition (Garage Only)**

## CITY PARKING RULES

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

- ◆ **December 8th - Immaculate Conception**
- ◆ **December 25th - Christmas Day**
- ◆ **December 31st - New Year's Eve**





# December 2014

## Community Board 8, Queens

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Gov't Affairs Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Ave	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Immaculate Conception 	9 Liquor License Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Ave	10 Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike	11	12	13
14	15 Transportation Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Ave	16	17 1st day of Hanukkah 	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Last day of Hanukkah 	25 CLOSED 	26 	27
28	29	30	31  New Year's Eve			