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COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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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

Alma Karassavidis
Jatnna Reyes
Izabela Szczepanska

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, Elke Maerz, Charlton Rhee, Douglas Sherman and Albert Willingham

Area 3 - Hillcrest Estates & Jamaica Hill

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 and Steven Konigsberg

Area 5 – Georgetown Mews, Pomonok, Electchester, Flushing

Mary Maggio – CHAIR, Monica Corbett, Carolann Foley, Sylvia Hernandez, Frank Magri, Steven Sadofsky, 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

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

WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!

Community Board 8, Queens

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

- ◆ The Minutes of October 19, 2016 Board Meeting were unanimously approved by 36 members.
- ◆ **Chairperson's Report** - Chairperson Martha Taylor informed everyone that there was a shooting outside of NY Cloud 9 Hookah Lounge (179-22 Union Turnpike) a few weeks ago. After the incident, many members of our board, our Liquor License Committee Chair Michael Hannibal, Carolann Foley, Frank Magri and other Elected Official representatives met with the establishment owner in Councilman Rory Lancman's office to discuss this issue. Board Member/Precinct Council President Carolann Foley informed her that the State Liquor Authority had suspended this establishment's liquor license temporarily until the investigation is completed.

Next Community Board 8 Meeting will be on **WEDNESDAY, December 14, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.**

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

A Word from the District Manager ...

Dear Community Board 8 Resident:

Here are some tips on helping the environment by reusing items, recycling goods and reducing waste courtesy of the Department of Sanitation:

How to Reduce Waste Over the Holidays

- ***Give homemade gifts***, such as cookies, handcrafts or framed photos.
- ***Give entertainment***, such as museum memberships; tickets to movies, theater, concert or sporting events; gift certificates to a favorite restaurant.
- ***Give learning***, such as language or music lessons; classes in cooking, photography or other favorite hobbies.
- ***Give your time or talent***, such as baby-sitting, pet-sitting, computer help or home repairs.
- ***Give fitness***, such as gym memberships, personal training session or classes in yoga, Pilates or dance.
- ***Give pampering***, such as a facial, massage, manicure or pedicure.
- ***Give to the greater good*** by making a contribution to someone's favorite charity.

Other Ways to Cut Down on Waste this Holiday Season

- ***Use an artificial tree*** instead of a real tree, and reuse it year after year.
- ***Send e-mail greetings*** rather than paper cards to cut down on paper waste.
- ***Wrap gifts in reusable gift bags or create your own gift wrap*** using maps or comics. (If you do buy gift wrap and greeting cards, make sure they are from recycled paper).
- ***Use durable plastic ware*** designed for reuse rather than purchasing new cups and plates for each event. Use washable, reusable sponges, dishcloths, and napkins. If you use disposable paper goods, choose products made with recycled content.

And do not forget, others may want the stuff you no longer need. There are many local charitable organizations interested in receiving your gently used clothing, furniture, books, and electronic goods. For more information, go to: <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/donate/resources/events.shtml?filter-term=1#accord-1>

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. Remember to "Like" us on

facebook

DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION

No Garbage, Recycling, Organics
Collection or Street Cleaning on:

- Monday, December 26, 2016

For questions about Sanitation services
and holiday schedules, contact 311 or
visit the DSNY website at:

www.nyc.gov/sanitation.



Participatory Budgeting 2016-2017, District 23



Council Member Barry S. Grodenchik

is once again bringing participatory budgeting (PB) to council district 23 this year. PB allows residents to vote on how the Council Member allocates 1.5 million dollars on local projects. During September and October, the council member hosted over a dozen neighborhood assemblies at which local residents submitted hundreds of ideas for projects. In addition, residents volunteered to serve as budget delegates. There are currently three budget delegate committees: libraries, schools, and parks. Delegates are diligently sorting through the ideas that were submitted. If you are interested in becoming a PB budget delegate or volunteer, please call (718) 468-0137.



Saturday, Dec 3 • 12pm-3pm

PS 154

7502 162nd St, Hillcrest, Queens

Bring clean, reusable, portable items such as clothing, housewares, electronics, books & toys that you no longer need.

Take home something new-to-you, free!

You don't have to bring something to take something.



zero waste programs
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NYCsanitation

212.788.7964
Recycle@GrowNYC.org
GrowNYC.org/swap

Please do NOT bring: furniture, large items, expired or open food, unsealed personal care products, medicine, dirty or ripped clothing, fabric scraps, incomplete toys and games, non-working electronics, magazines, or sharp objects.

Assemblyman David I. Weprin



HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

**To benefit Charitable Organizations,
including the Boys and Girls Club of
Metro Queens**

Make a Child Smile this Holiday Season!

Please bring a new or gently used unwrapped toy, book or game suitable for children 12 and under to
Assemblyman Weprin's Office:

All donations must be received by

December 16, 2016

Fresh Meadows

185-06 Union Turnpike
Fresh Meadows, NY
11366
(718) 454-3027

Richmond Hill

111-12 Atlantic Ave, Ste. 5
Richmond Hill, NY
11419
(718) 805-2381

Are You Getting All Your Benefits?

You may be eligible for benefits that help to pay for food and rent!

Queens Library at Pomonok

15821 Jewel Avenue in Flushing, NY 11365

Thursday, December 8, 2016

Time: 1:00 p. m. — 5:00 p. m.

LiveOn NY will screen for SNAP (food stamps) and assist with SCRIE (Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption) applications. To assist with determination of eligibility and your application, please bring **copies** of documents that verify the following:

Identity, Address, Total Household Income (*Social Security award letter, Income Tax Returns*), Housing Expenses (*Rent/Mortgage*), Utilities and Medical Expenses.

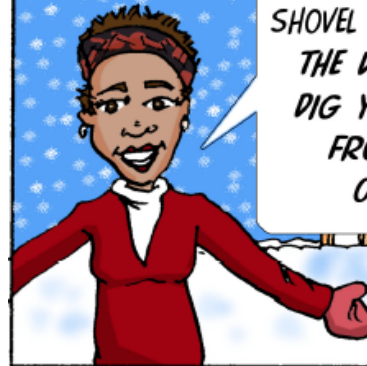
For more information call LiveOn NY (347) 815-5930

or email: benefits@liveon-ny.org

SHOVELING TIPS WITH MARIE ADAM-OVIDE



WELL, IT'S WINTER AGAIN AND THE SIGHT OF FALLING SNOW CAN WARM OUR HEARTS.



BUT THAT WARMTH QUICKLY TURNS COLD AFTER A HEAVY SNOW STORM AND YOU HAVE TO SHOVEL THE SIDEWALK, THE DRIVEWAY, OR DIG YOUR CAR OUT FROM LAYERS OF SNOW-!



WELL, I HAVE A FEW TIPS TO HELP YOU PROPERLY REMOVE SNOW AND KEEP YOUR COMMUNITY SAFE THIS WINTER!

LET'S START WITH SIDEWALKS



IF YOU HAVE A SIDEWALK ON YOUR PROPERTY, ALWAYS PROVIDE ADEQUATE PASSAGE FOR PEOPLE TO WALK SAFELY AND AT LEAST 48" WIDE TO ACCOMMODATE A WHEELCHAIR OR DOUBLE STROLLER.

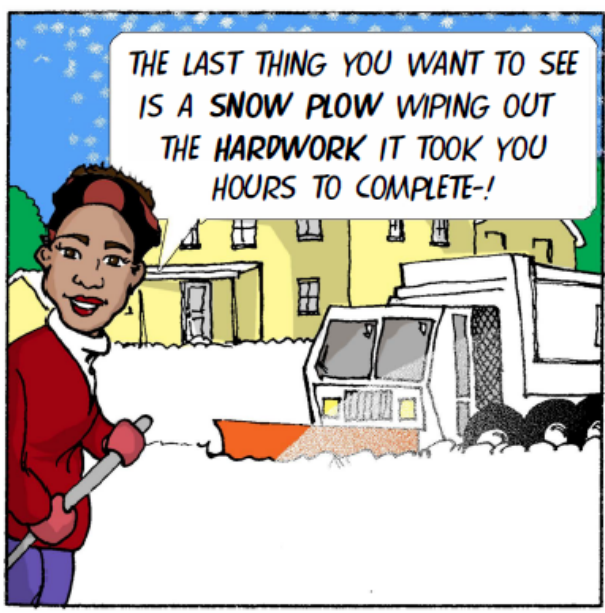
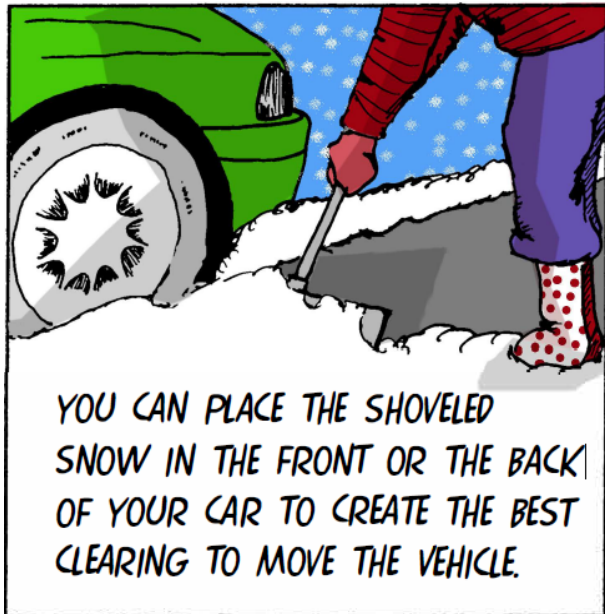


HOMEOWNERS CAN PLACE THE DISCARDED SNOW ON THEIR LAWN, OR IN A TREE PIT IF ONE IS AVAILABLE.

IF YOU HAVE A FIRE HYDRANT IN FRONT OF YOUR PROPERTY, YOU MUST CLEAR THE AREA SO THAT IT'S VISIBLE FROM THE STREET. THIS WILL HELP OUR FIRST RESPONDERS IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY.



DO NOT PUSH SNOW AND ICE INTO THE GUTTER, STREET, CROSSWALK OR PEDESTRIAN RAMP.





*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



FREE eMAGAZINES FOR PATIENTS

DIGITAL Q LAUNCHES AT QUEENS HOSPITAL

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1st

9:00a.m. - 10:00 a.m.



Queens Library
Enrich your life

NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens in collaboration with the Queens Public Library are launching **Digital Q**, a free service that will enable hospital patients and visitors to use their smart devices to streamline magazine articles that they can read while they wait. The patients will now be able to read about healthy lifestyles, healthy eating, fitness and much more. Individuals will also be able to use this service to access a simple, streamlined library card registration process.



LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION (S)

◆ **Cuzco Peru BBQ Chicken Inc.**
138-13 Queens Blvd. in Briarwood *Change of Class*

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.

107TH PRECINCT COUNCIL—CHILDREN’S HOLIDAY PARTY



Come, meet me
and let’s take a
picture!

71-01 Parsons Boulevard
Sunday, December 4, 2016
Noon to 3:30 p.m.

Free Face Painting

COME ONE COME ALL!

*Children must
be accompanied by
an adult!*

NO DEMOLITION
AND
NO VACATE NOTICE
RECEIVED



Street Activity/Block Party Permit Request



** No Street Activity/Block Party scheduled for the
month of December.*

NY City Benches



The NYC Department of Transportation has identified **182-15 Hillside Avenue** between **Avon Street and Dalny Road** as a location to install a City Bench.

Please contact us in writing in support or against this installation by **Tuesday, December 6, 2016**. This will assist the Transportation Committee Members in

CITY PARKING RULES

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



Thursday, December 8th.....Immaculate Conception
December 25-26thChristmas
Remember, parking meters are still in effect.

Become a Flushing Meadows Corona Park Steward!

FMCP Stewards care for our natural areas! Volunteers will remove invasive species, maintain trails, and introduce native plants to Meadow and Willow Lake.

Register for our kick off event Saturday, December 10th from 10:30am-2:00pm at Meadow Lake!

Contact Catherine.laperche@parks.nyc.gov



Parks



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Immaculate Conception 	9	10
11	12	13 Liquor License Committee Mtg. 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Avenue	14 Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Winter Begins 	22	23	24  Happy Hanukkah
25  Merry Christmas!	26  We're closed!	27	28	29	30	31

“Forget what you give. Remember what you receive.” - Unknown