



December

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 Lanman - 24th District

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Honorable Melinda Katz

STAFF

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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 Hill

Kevin Forrestal - CHAIR, Dilafroz Ahmed, Bhitihara-Martha Fulton, Fakrul "Dehwar" 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

Happy Holidays from all of us at Community Board 8, Queens!

Community Board 8, Queens
Hillcrest Jewish Center
183-02 Union Turnpike (Auditorium)
Fresh Meadows, NY 11366

The Minutes of October 10, 2018 Board Meeting were unanimously approved by 38 members.

Chairperson Martha Taylor welcomed back Carolyn Baker-Brown and sent best wishes to Dr. Allen Bennett who is in rehab. She announced that a letter was drafted to the Mayor's Street Activity Permit Office regarding the proposed renewal of the Moratorium on Street Festivals - only street festivals for multi-day and/or multi-blocks that were held in 2018 will be allowed in 2019. The Board is against this proposal.

Committee Reports:

Bhitihara Martha-Fulton – Parks Committee Chair

Proposal for a domed soccer/cricket stadium at Cunningham Park – A Parks Committee meeting was held on October 25th at the Community Board Office. A presentation was made by Mr. Asim Deen regarding this proposal. It was determined that Cunningham Park is not an ideal location to build a stadium. This park is considered forever green and they cannot cut trees to make room for a stadium. It was suggested that he look into other locations (*i.e. Flushing Meadow, Corona Park, Belmont Park etc.*).

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Next Community Board 8 Meeting will be on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Committee Reports:

Kevin Forrestal on behalf of the Executive Committee

Intro 1004 – The Executive Committee asked Kevin Forrestal to attend a City Council Public Hearing regarding Intro 1004 and report to the Board. This bill is to establish a pilot program in Brooklyn Community Board 5 (Bed Stuyvesant) to facilitate the creation and alteration of habitable apartments in basements and cellars of certain one-family and two-family dwellings. It will be administered by the Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD). The City is investing about \$12M for this project. They have identified approximately 40 homeowners who are interested in participating [*Department of Finance anticipates that this program will contribute approximately 5,000 affordable housing units*].

Community Board 8 is not affected by this program at this time. Mr. Forrestal will continue to update the Board on any new development.

A Word from the District Manager ...

Dear Community Board 8 Resident:

The Department of Health announced that beginning this winter, the agency will launch a letter grading program for mobile food carts and trucks. This will affect all the mobile food vendors.

This program is akin to the restaurant grading that we are now accustomed to. It will use the same scales to determine the letter grade:

“A” grades are issued to those who receive 0 to 13 sanitary violation points.

“B” grade for those who receive 14 to 27 sanitary violation points.

“C” grades for those who receive 28 or more points.

This program will be rolled out within the next two years as the permits are renewed and the mobile units get inspected. To help vendors, there will be training programs starting in December. Please see page 3 of this Newsletter for the schedule.

*If you find this information useful, please help spread the word by sharing it with your friends, neighbors and your favorite mobile food vendor. **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 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.*

Remember to “Like” us on 

NOTICE to all the residents on 188th Street between Grand Central Parkway and 73rd Avenue.

A letter was sent to the NYS Department of Public Service from Council Members Barry Grodenchik and Rory Lancman, Assembly Members Nily Rozic and David Weprin regarding the DEP study which conclude that the private water service line failures were likely due to stray voltage. The Department’s staff is investigating this issue; has reviewed the findings in the DEP study and results from testing performed by Consolidated Edison company. Staff has requested additional testing to be performed by Verizon. Upon completion of the investigation staff will contact the elected officials to inform them of their findings and any recommended corrective actions to be taken by the utility companies serving the area.

As per Debra LaBelle, Director — Office of Telecommunications

FREE SAT PREP

Parsons Community School



Saturdays from 10:00am to 1:00pm
Starting Saturday, December 8, 2018

SPACE IS LIMITED!
THIS COURSE IS FOR JUNIORS ONLY!

Interested applicants need to submit a completed Parsons application which can be picked up at:

The Child Center of NY
158-40 76th Road - Room B29
in Flushing New York 11366

For additional information, please contact
Ms. Candice Green at
(718) 820-0760
or via email at
candicegreen@childcenterny.org



MOBILE FOOD VENDOR WORKSHOPS

LEARN HOW TO GET AN "A" GRADE

The New York City Health Department has new letter grading rules for mobile food vendors. Attend a workshop to learn about the new rules and best practices for achieving an "A" grade. Register today for an upcoming workshop.



December 3, 4 and 6, 2018

4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
New York City Health Department
Customer Service Office
125 Worth Street – Room 1020
New York, NY 10013

December 12, 2018

4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
New York City Health Department
Customer Service Office
125 Worth Street – Room 3-32
New York, NY 10013

December 5, 2018

3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Health Academy
160 West 100th Street – Room 307
New York, NY 10025

December 19, 2018

3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Health Academy
160 West 100th Street – Bsmt. Auditorium
New York, NY 10023

To register, visit surveymonkey.com/r/MFVworkshops. For more information, call 646-632-6203



To request additional accommodations please call 646-632-6203 or email mfvinspections@health.nyc.gov 72 hours before the event



Come one and Come all...

to the
**107th Precinct's Community Council's
Lunch and Take your Own Picture with Santa!**

Ho, ho, ho!
Yes, I will be there...
Take your own picture
with me!



SUNDAY, December 2, 2018
from Noon to 2 p.m.

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

Presented by the
107th Precinct Community Council

All labor donated

VOLUNTEER AT THE QUEENS ZOO!



Working to save wildlife and wild places

Volunteer for the education department at the Queens Zoo and dive into a world of wild life conservation. The mission of the Wildlife Conservation Society is to save wildlife and wild places. In education, we achieve this by inspiring people through hands-on, inquiry-based experiences. These experiences are set along our magnificent wild animal collection here at the Queens Zoo. We have multiple positions available for volunteers. For questions:

Email: qzvolunteers@wcs.org

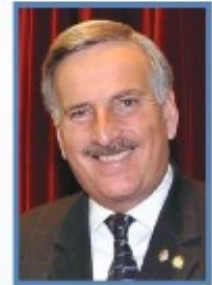
Now accepting applications! Apply online at:

<https://queenszoo.com/volunteering/adult-volunteers>

QUEENS ZOO
53-51 111th Street
Corona, NY 11368
(718) 271-1500

Assemblyman **David Weprin** and
Irwin Altman Middle School 172

are sponsoring a



Holiday Toy Drive

**Honoring the Memory of Jason Mark Weinstein,
Son of the Honorable Jeremy S. Weinstein,
Administrative Judge, Supreme Court of Queens County**

*To benefit the children of Heartshare Human Services of New York,
as well as additional children's programs throughout Richmond Hill*

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

Fresh Meadows District Office
185-06 Union Turnpike
Fresh Meadows, NY 11366
718-454-3027

or

Richmond Hill District Office
111-12 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 5
Richmond Hill, NY 11419
718-805-2381

**All donations must be received by
December 18th, 2018**



For more information about this or any other local issue,
please contact Assemblyman Weprin's office at 718-805-2381 or 718-454-3027.



*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???

Code Blue, Code Blue, Code Blue...

During the cold season, when the temperature falls to 32° F or below, New York City goes into **Code Blue**. All those who are homeless must be sheltered. City workers move individuals from the street into shelters for their own safety. If you notice anyone in the street who appears to be homeless when the temperature falls below freezing, please call 311 and report it.

It is also a reminder for all of us who are fortunate enough to have shelter to dress warmly outdoors.

Landlord and Tenants

Heat *(Correction)*

Minimum temperature to be maintained.

a. During the period from October first through May thirty-first, centrally-supplied heat, in any dwelling in which such heat is required to be provided, shall be furnished so as to maintain, in every portion of such dwelling used or occupied for living purposes: (1) between the hours of six a. m. and ten p. m., a temperature of at least sixty-eight degrees Fahrenheit whenever the outside temperature falls below fifty-five degrees; and (2) between the hours of ten p. m. and six a. m., a temperature of at least **sixty-two degrees** Fahrenheit.

b. During the period from October first through May thirty-first, all central heating systems required under this article shall be maintained free of any device which shall cause or which is capable of causing an otherwise operable central heating system to become incapable of providing the minimum requirements of heat or hot water as required by this article for any period of time. This subdivision shall not apply to any safety device required by law, or by a rule or regulation of any city agency, to be used in conjunction with a central heating system.

NYC Administrative Code §27-2029 *(Updated 2017)*

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION (S)



- ◆ **Kabayan Restaurant & Bakery, Inc.**
161-18 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows, *New Full Liquor License*
- ◆ **Shogun Japanese, Inc.**
205-05 Hillside Avenue in Hollis, *New Wine, Beer and Cider 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.



Immaculate Conception.....Sat., December 8th
Christmas.....Tues., December 25th

Remember, parking meters are still in effect.

DEMOLITION/EXCAVATION NOTICE



61-11 172nd Street - Excavation
169-07 65th Avenue - Demolition
73-49 141st Place - Partial Demolition and Excavation
80-86 Dumfries Place - Demolition

Boroughbreds in a neighborhood near you! **ACC Mobile Adoption Event**

When

Sunday

December 2nd

12 - 4 pm

Where

Petco Forest Hills

9111 Metropolitan Ave.

Forest Hills, NY 11374



Care Center Locations:

Manhattan: 326 East 110th St.
Brooklyn: 2336 Linden Blvd.
Staten Island: 3139 Veterans Rd. W.

Can't make it to an event? View all available boroughbreds at nycacc.org or see them yourself at an ACC Care Center!

A Message from DSNY

Beginning **January 1, 2019**, certain expanded polystyrene (EPS) items will be banned from sale, distribution, or use in New York City. For more information, visit nyc.gov/foamban.

Small businesses not part of a chain with less than \$500,000 in gross income for the most recent tax year and non-profit corporations may apply for hardship exemptions from the Department of Small Business Services. For more information, visit nyc.gov/foamwaiver.

Visit nyc.gov/dsnybusinessresources to access free educational materials, trainings, and site visits. Email questions to commercialprograms@dsny.nyc.gov.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Happy Hanukkah 	4	5 Executive Comte. Mtg. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Ave. 7:30 p.m.	6	7	8 <i>Feast of Immaculate Conception</i>
9	10	11	12 Board Meeting Hillcrest J.C. 183-02 Union Turnpike 7:30 p.m.	13	14	15
16	17	18 Liquor License Comte. Mtg. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Ave. 7:30 p.m.	19 Transportation Comte. Mtg. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Ave. 7:30 p.m.	20	21 <i>Winter Solstice</i> 	22
23	24	25  Christmas We're closed.	26  Happy Kwanzaa	27	28	29
30	31 					

"To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded,"~
Ralph Waldo Emerson