



**FEBRUARY 2017**

## COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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### OFFICERS

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**1st VICE CHAIR:** Stanley Weinblatt

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**3rd VICE CHAIR:** Michael Hannibal

**EXEC. SECRETARY:** Carolyn Baker-Brown

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### CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Honorable Barry Grodenchik - 23rd District

Honorable Rory Lancman - 24th District

### BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Honorable Melinda Katz

### STAFF

Alma Karassavidis

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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, 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

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

- ◆ Minutes of December 14, 2016 Board Meeting were unanimously approved by 35 members.
- ◆ Chairperson **Martha Taylor** offered condolences to Simon Pelman on the loss of his brother. She offered congratulations to Rachele Van Arsdale on the birth of her baby and to former Chairman Alvin Warshaviak on the birth of his grandson.
- ◆ **Guest Speaker** Deputy Inspector Scott Henry who is the new Commanding Officer for the 107th Police Precinct. He stated that he is happy to be at the 107th Precinct. He remarked that in his 23 years on the job, he has rarely seen such a positive relationship between the NYPD and the community. It needs to be replicated through the City.
- ◆ **BSA Cal No. 677-53-BZ - Carriage House Collision – 61-28 Fresh Meadow Lane**  
Zoning Committee Chairman Steven Konigsberg reported that a public hearing was held on December 19, 2016 for an application seeking an extension of term of a variance to permit the continued operation of a Use Group 16 Auto Body Repair Shop. The committee recommended an extension for only one (1) year citing parking issues.

The full Board voted to recommend the extension of the variance for five (5) years [instead of the usual 10 years], along with bi-annual [every 2 years] reporting as to the current status of the parking situation.

In Favor: 23

Opposed: 12

Abstained: 0

Next Community Board 8 Meeting will be on **WEDNESDAY, February 8, 2017** at 7:30 p.m.

## Community Board 8's Meeting (cont'd)

### ◆ Liquor License Applicant – Mayflower International Hotel Group d/b/a Bar Mayflower

Liquor License Committee Chairman Michael Hannibal reported that this entity came before the committee and the members recommended approval of the full liquor license. A letter will be sent to the State Liquor Authority.

In Favor: 10

Opposed: 2

Abstained: 0

### ◆ Transportation Committee – Congestion Pricing

At the request of the Transportation Committee, a letter was drafted to Governor Andrew Cuomo in opposition to Congestion Pricing. It passed by unanimous vote by the full board.

In Favor: 35

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

## *A Word from the District Manager ...*

*Dear Community Board 8 Resident:*

*Did you lose your Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) or your Disabled Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE) for failure to recertify on time? The Department of Finance wants you to know that if you were receiving this benefit from December 1, 2011 onward and were unable to renew your Rent Free benefit because you needed more time due to a **disability** or **physical impairment**, you could still be eligible for the benefit.*

*According to the Department of Finance, tenants/applicants who lost the benefit; then re-entered the program at a higher frozen rent should submit the “**Application for Additional Time to Renew Lapsed Benefit**” form. If you are a tenant/applicant who lost your benefit and have not subsequently re-entered SCRIE/DRIE, you should complete the “**Application for Additional Time to Renew Expired Benefit**” form. These forms have been mailed to the impacted tenants/applicants.*

*You can find these applications at the following locations:*

- *The NYC Department of Finance SCRIE/DRIE Walk-in Center located at 66 John Street, 3rd floor in New York, New York, 10038*
- *NYC Department of Finance Business Centers - Queens 144-06 94th Avenue in Jamaica, New York 11435*

*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](http://www.nyc.gov/queenscb8). Remember to “Like” us on*




# citywide transit plan NYC

**Join the NYC Department of Transportation for a series of public workshops to discuss the future of Select Bus Service and public transportation in New York City. Help us understand where you go, where you want to go and how you want to get there.**

You may also access the Citywide Transit Plan website at [www.transitplan.nyc](http://www.transitplan.nyc) that contains a survey/mapping tool to give your feedback



**Queens  
(Ridgewood)**  
Monday, February 13, 2017  
6:30-8:30 PM  
I.S. 77  
976 Seneca Avenue  
Ridgewood, NY 11385



**Queens  
(Jackson Heights)**  
Wednesday, February 22, 2017  
6:00-8:00 PM  
Elmhurst Hospital Center  
79-01 Broadway  
Elmhurst, NY 11373

## Internship Opportunities in the Mayor's Office:



The Mayor's Office Internship Program Summer 2017 application is open! The internship program provides a unique opportunity to gain experience and develop the capacity to solve New York City's most pressing issues. The mission of the program is to build a diverse pipeline of public service leaders. The Mayor's Office Internship Program offers interns opportunities for professional development through workshops, government engagement and real world experience.

To apply and for more information, please visit the Internship Program website at: <http://on.nyc.gov/nycmointernship>.

The application deadline is April 9th. Please share this information with your networks. For questions, email [interns@cityhall.nyc.gov](mailto:interns@cityhall.nyc.gov).

**Parsons Community School in collaboration with Queens School of Inquiry is proud to present:**

## **FREE SAT Prep Classes**



This FREE Course includes:

- ✓ 24 hours of classroom instruction
- ✓ 3 proctored practice exams
- ✓ The A-List SAT Book of Knowledge
- ✓ Vocab Videos online subscription

*All materials handed during training is FREE OF CHARGE! Space is limited so call today!  
This course is for juniors preparing to take the in-school April SAT and the May SAT.*

SAT classes will start Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> from 10am-1pm and will run through  
Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>  
(in preparation for the May 6<sup>th</sup> SAT)

**INTERESTED? WANT MORE INFORMATION?**

**PLEASE CONTACT JOHN ROSS PILI AT (718) 820-0760 OR VIA EMAIL AT**

**[JOHNROSSPILI@CHILDCENTERNY.ORG](mailto:JOHNROSSPILI@CHILDCENTERNY.ORG)**

Briarwood Friends Chapter presents

# SALUTING WOMEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE IN NEW YORK STATE 100TH ANNIVERSARY SERIES

Charlotte E. Ray



Join us as we remember **Charlotte E. Ray**, the first female African-American Lawyer.

**Charlotte E. Ray** was born in New York City on January 13, 1850. She graduated from the Howard University School of Law in 1872 and was admitted to the District of Columbia bar that same year, becoming the first female African-American lawyer in the United States. Active in the suffrage movement, Ray was a member of the National Association of Colored Women. She moved to Woodside, Queens in the 1880s and lived there until her death in 1911.

**ADMISSION IS FREE.**  
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.  
**PRESENTED BY QUEENS HISTORICAL SOCIETY.**

**Saturday, February 11**  
**3 pm**  
BRIARWOOD  
85-12 Main Street | 718-658-1680  
📍 to Briarwood/Van Wyck Blvd.  
Q20A, Q20B, Q44, Q60

## TRAFFIC STUDIES

In the past, the Department of Transportation (DOT) would initiate a new traffic study after 18 months since the denial of a request (*signage, speed bump, traffic light etc.*). This time frame has changed.

According to DOT, "Experience has shown that traffic patterns and traffic growth in New York City do not change within a few months.

Therefore, new studies for particular locations are not initiated for 36 months after the analysis has been completed."

Please keep that in mind when resubmitting traffic control requests.



## SHE'S ON POINT!

A Celebration of Girls in Sports

Join NYC Parks to celebrate, honor and engage young women and girls in sports! Featuring sports demos, inspirational speakers, fun activities, giveaways, and more. Open to all members of the public, ages 6 and up.

**Sunday, Feb. 26, 2017 // 12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.**  
Al Oerter Recreation Center  
131-40 Fowler Ave., Queens

For more information, visit [nyc.gov/parks](http://nyc.gov/parks) or call 311. For accessibility information, contact (212) 360-1430 or [accessibility@parks.nyc.gov](mailto:accessibility@parks.nyc.gov) by Feb. 22.



The Friends of Briarwood Present

## A CONCERT OF LOVE SONGS



Join us for a Concert of Love Songs with **Irene Failenbogen**. Hear songs from the Beatles, "La Habanera" from the Opera Carmen, and many more.

**ADMISSION IS FREE.**

**Saturday, February 18**  
**3 pm**  
BRIARWOOD  
85-12 Main Street  
718-658-1680  
📍 to Briarwood/Van Wyck Boulevard  
Q20A Q20B Q44 Q60



*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???*

### REMINDER...

#### **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 after the snow has stopped falling. Snow may NOT be thrown into the street.**

**If the snow stops falling between:**

- ◆ **7:00 a.m. and 4:59 p.m.:** it must be cleared within four hours;
- ◆ **5:00 p.m. and 8:59 p.m.:** it must be cleared within fourteen hours.

*Example: If the snow stops falling at 7:00 p.m., the owner, lessee, tenant, occupant, or other person in charge of any lot or building has until 9:00 a.m. the following morning to clear.*

- ◆ **9:00 p.m. and 6:59 a.m.:** it must be cleared by 11:00 a.m.

**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 Offense |    |

*Please note that we can only file complaints for failure to remove snow/ice once the grace period to remove it has elapsed.*

## LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION (S)



- ◆ **P.J. Cardivan Inc.**  
189-25 Union Turnpike in Flushing *Renewal of Liquor, Wine, Beer and Cider License*
- ◆ **Kissena Pizza Inc. d/b/a Valentino's Pizza**  
71-47 Kissena Blvd. in Flushing *Renewal of Wine, Beer and Cider License*
- ◆ **Wei's DJC Inc. d/b/a Annie Chan's Restaurant**  
190-11 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows *Renewal of Wine, Beer and Cider License*
- ◆ **Robert Kemerson d/b/a Kew Motor**  
139-01 Grand Central Parkway in Jamaica *Renewal of Liquor, Wine, Beer and Cider License*
- ◆ **OGMA Pizza Inc. d/b/a Johns Pizzeria and Restaurant**  
83-40 Parsons Blvd. in Jamaica *Renewal of Wine, Beer and Cider License*
- ◆ **Nikko Hibachi Steakhouse & Bar, Inc. LLC d/b/a Nikko Sushi Steakhouse Restaurant Lounge**  
177-21 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows *Renewal of Liquor, 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.*

### DEMOLITION/VACATE NOTICE



◆ **Emergency Declaration—77-39 Vleigh Place**  
Major fire damage throughout building. Entire roof collapsed, sections of parapet and coping are damaged. Awnings are damaged. The roof top A/C units are unstable. Interior ceilings are hanging. Roof joists are charred and damaged.

**Remedy:** Demolish to grade or remove hazardous conditions to the satisfaction of the Department of Buildings.

- ◆ **77-39 Vleigh Place – Full Demolition**

### CITY PARKING RULES

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



#### **Lincoln's Birthday**

*(Observed)* .....**Monday, February 13th**

#### **Washington's Birthday**

*(President's Day)*.....**Monday, February 20th**

**Remember, parking meters are still in effect.**

### **Street Activity/Block Party Permit Request**



*There is no Street Activity/Block Party scheduled for the month of February.*



# FEBRUARY 2017

## Community Board 8, Queens

| Sun | Mon   | Tue  | Wed   | Thu   | Fri  | Sat |
|-----|---|--|---|---|--|-----|
|     |   |  | 1   | 2<br> | 3  | 4   |
| 5   | 6<br>Capital/Expense<br>Budget<br>Public Hearing<br>7:30 p.m.<br>CB8 Office<br>197-15 Hillside<br>Avenue                        | 7  | 8<br>Board Meeting<br>7:30 p.m.<br>Hillcrest<br>Jewish Center<br>183-02 Union<br>Turnpike | 9   | 10<br> | 11  |
| 12  | 13  | 14<br><i>Happy<br/>Valentine's<br/>Day</i>   | 15  | 16  | 17   | 18  |
| 19  | 20<br>President's<br>Day<br>We're closed<br> | 21   | 22  | 23  | 24   | 25  |
| 26  | 27  | 28<br><br>Mardi<br>Gras |   |   |  |     |

"We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because thorn bushes have roses."

– Abraham Lincoln