



February

COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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CHAIRPERSON: Martha Taylor
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3rd VICE CHAIR: Mary Maggio
EXEC. SECRETARY: Carolyn Brown
TREASURER: Harbachan Singh
BUDGET DIRECTOR: Marc A. Haken

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Honorable Barry Grodenchik - 23rd District
Vacant - 24th District

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Honorable Donovan Richards

STAFF

DISTRICT MANAGER: Marie Adam-Ovide
Jatnna Reyes, Community Associate
Izabela Szczepanska, Community Assistant

BOARD MEMBERS BY AREA

Area 1 – Kew Gardens Hills

Mitch Lisker – (interim) **CHAIR**, Heather Bennett-Idels, Susan D. Cleary, Florence Fisher, Joshua Glikman, Jennifer Martin, Rabbi Shlomo Nisanov, Simon Pelman and Jacob Weinberg

Area 2 – Briarwood

Seymour Schwartz - **CHAIR**, Carolyn Brown, Solomon Davydov, Allen Eisenstein, John Gebhard, Elke Maerz, Wendy Phaff, Mohammad Rahman, Charlton Rhee, Douglas Sherman and Albert Willingham

Area 3 – Hillcrest Estates & Jamaica Hills

Kevin Forrestal - **CHAIR**, Dilafroz Ahmed, Bhithihara-Martha Fulton, Paul Lazauskas, Hersh Parekh 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**, Carolann Foley and Frank Magri

Area 6 – Utopia, Fresh Meadows, West Cunningham Park

Maria Defnoccantiis – **CHAIR**, James Gallagher, Jr., Tami Hirsch, Alan Ong and Tamara Osherov

Area 7 – Jamaica Estates & Holliswood

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

Happy African-American History Month!

Virtual Community Board Meeting Re-cap

January 20, 2021

The Minutes of the December 9, 2020 Board Meeting were unanimously approved by 37 members.

Chairperson's Report – Martha Taylor:

All CB's are being audited. The first audit is about meeting notices and the other is to ensure that they comply with the NYC Equal Employment Opportunity Policy. We have already submitted all required documents.

The Community Boards' Fiscal Year 2021 Budget was \$252,423 which is lower than the previous year due to the fiscal crisis. The Boards were asked to trim an additional \$3,628 recently. We were able to do so since there is a hiring freeze and we have not been able to replace our part-timer Marleah DesRuisseaux who left in 2020. We objected to the proposed \$8,153 cut from the \$257,507 baseline budget to the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget. We intend to hire a replacement when things go back to normal and we have in person meeting and events so we can maintain quality service to our residents.

We learned that Board Member Frank Magri has been sick the last few months, and we wish him a speedy recovery.

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Next Community Board 8 Meeting will be held *virtually* on **Wednesday, February 10, 2021** at 7:30 p.m.
<https://zoom.us/j/91239540872?pwd=S0c4bFltMGJTUkhPMn15cjJrUk9uZz09>

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

A Word from the District Manager...

Dear Community Board 8 Resident:

Despite having seven (7) days collection for our litter baskets along our commercial strips, there is still an issue with the baskets being abused. In 2014, Community Board 8 conducted a business forum a few years ago where the Department of Sanitation participated and made some recommendations. They are reprinted below.

Department of Sanitation

Most people prefer to shop in clean, attractive neighborhoods. So, a clean community makes good business sense. Keep your community and business area clean, avoid fines by following these steps:



- ◆ Sweep clean the sidewalk and 18 inches into the street, **not only before the business routing hours**, but also at the beginning and close of business day.
- ◆ Move vehicles, as per posted cleaning regulation, so the mechanical broom can sweep the curb area.
- ◆ Keep nearby storm drains free of settled debris. Litter that falls into storm drains can enter the sewer system and end up in our waterways.
- ◆ Do not place obstructions (merchandise, A-frame signs, ATM etc.) on the sidewalk.
- ◆ Keep licensed sidewalk stands clean and in good repair (observe the size requirements and distance from building line).
- ◆ Do not post handbills, fliers, posters on public property or utility poles.
- ◆ All businesses are required to recycle. Do follow business recycling rules.
- ◆ Inform your employees **not to use** Department of Sanitation litter baskets for waste generated by your business.
- ◆ Place refuse out for collection as close to collection time as possible. All businesses **must** have a private carter and proof of carter service (receipts) available for inspection. If refuse is scheduled to be picked up after closing, the merchant shall place refuse out for private collection within **one hour** of closing. For waste collection during the day, refuse must be placed within **two hours** of scheduled collection time.
- ◆ Remove snow and ice in front of your building within 4 hours after snow fall has stopped or by 11 a.m. if it stops snowing after 9 p.m. the previous night.
- ◆ Report illegal dumpers and get a reward. Call 311 for details

CALL 311, JOIN THE ADOPT-A-BASKET PROGRAM & KEEP OUR COMMERCIAL STRIPS CLEAN!

Please share this information with the businesses that you patron, *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.

How to Join a Community Garden

Wednesday, February 17, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.



Are you looking to become more involved in your community? Consider becoming a member at one of GreenThumb's many gardens! Join longtime GreenThumb gardeners at the panel discussion, "How to Join a Community Garden", on February 17th from 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m., to learn the basics of how to join a community garden in NYC. GreenThumb Outreach Coordinators will also be available to answer all your questions and provide you with resources to get started in this process.

Register at: howtojoinacommunitygarden.eventbrite.com

Instagram post here - <https://www.instagram.com/p/CKRbd-A11OH/>

FB post here - <https://www.facebook.com/GreenThumbNYC/posts/1506635396207419>

Elected Officials' Announcements:

Honorable Assembly Member Daniel Rosenthal – He thanked everyone who joined yesterday to hand out PPEs and share information about ranked choice voting. They will be holding the same event next Monday, at 3:30 p.m. at Kissena Farms with the Honorable Congresswoman Grace Meng. They just started the new legislative session; the Governor gave his financial briefing state of the budget. He has been appointed to becoming the Chair of the task force on Food Farm and Nutrition. We had food pantries open this past year, we are looking to get them more resources this year.

Department of Buildings – Anthony Iuliano: Mr. Iuliano wished everyone a Happy New Year. He asked to report properties that are abandoned, open and unguarded. Since people are working remotely, they are starting to park their vehicles on their properties. They are also doing work inside their homes that may require permits and encourages everyone to file a complaint if they see work without a permit. Restaurants are allowed outdoor dining, but some are building extensions abutting the building. This is something they cannot do, and complaints need to be filed.

Janggo Mahmud, Guest Speaker:

Ranked Choice Voting NYC – She gave a presentation about ranked choice voting and how to rank up to five candidates. A short video was played [Santa Fe's New Ranked Choice Ballot] explaining ranked choice voting. She read the frequently asked questions and answers. If anyone would like more information they can visit www.rankthevoteny.org, email: info@rankthevoteny.org or call 212-691-6421.

Paul Graziano – Mr. Graziano presented Speaker Corey Johnson's proposal to completely turn land use on its end and it is in the name of comprehensive planning. Speaker Corey Johnson has initiated a process to upend planning and zoning in NYC with zero outreach or notification to neighborhoods or CB's. The proposal will remove, not enhance, input from neighborhoods, CB's, and elected officials. A Zoning Committee Meeting will be scheduled to further discuss this proposal.

Borough President's Representative – Susie Tanenbaum – Ms. Tanenbaum announced that after 19 years she will no longer be serving as a constituent liaison to CB8. She thanked everyone for all these years, it was a privilege. She introduced Max Weprin her successor, as CB8's new constituent liaison. She reminded everyone that the QBP Donovan Richards has many ongoing webinars and activities going on. If anyone is interested, they can go online to queensbp.org.

Committee Reports:

Health Minute with Dr. Penny Stern, Health Committee Chair: Dr. Stern spoke about the impacts of stress on health. She provided examples of how to keep stress under control. She recommends 30 minutes a day of exercise even if mobility is a problem. She stated that nutrition is key, and it is important to have a balanced meal with fruits and vegetables. Sleep is also an essential component of self-care.



“Diabetes: Diagnosis, Treatment, & Prevention”

*A general talk on prevalence, etiology, why we treat
and therapy options*

Tuesday, 2/09/21 @ 7:00pm

Speaker: Joseph Tibaldi, MD

2021 Etz Chaim Lecture Series

Congregation Etz Chaim

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://nyph.zoom.us/j/99191806873>

Meeting ID: 991 9180 6873

Dial by your location

+1 646 518 9805 US (New York)

833 548 0276 US Toll-free

Or visit : https://events.nyp.org/event/diabetes_diagnosis_treatment_prevention#.YA78CWhKiXl

 **NewYork-Presbyterian**
Queens

News from the

Department of Buildings

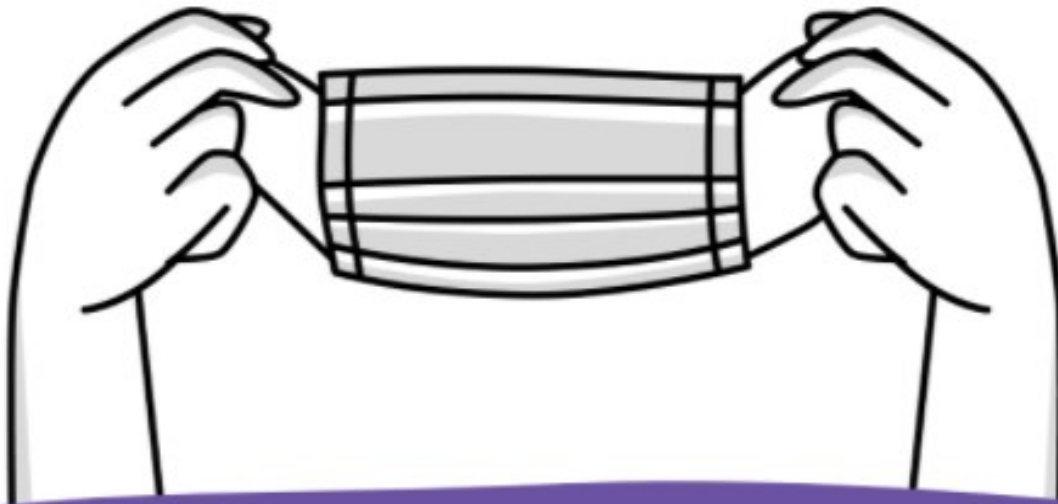
As a requirement of [Local Law 196 of 2017](#), workers at job sites requiring a Construction Superintendent, Site Safety Coordinator or Site Safety Manager must have a total of 40 hours of safety training. To determine whether your job site requires the safety training, please visit:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/buildings/html/site-safety-construction-map.html>
and enter your job site address.

For questions about the training requirements or to get additional information, please contact DOB at LocalLaw196@buildings.nyc.gov.

Face Mask & Hand Sanitizer **Grab & Go**

*Sponsored by State Senator Leroy Comrie &
EmblemHealth Neighborhood Care*



**Tuesday, February 16
12 PM**

**EmblemHealth Neighborhood Care
206-20 Linden Blvd.,
Cambria Heights, NY 11411**

Event will conclude once our supply has been exhausted.
Social distancing guidelines will be enforced.

For more information, please call or email:
(718) 765-6359 or info@leroycomrie.org



Did you know?

Recycling

Flattened corrugated cardboard must be tied together with sturdy twine into bundles no more than 18 inches high, or may be broken down into small pieces and placed in recycling receptacles or in clear bags. Newspaper, magazines, catalogs, and phone books may also be bundled instead of using receptacles. In buildings with mechanized collection, corrugated cardboard boxes must be collapsed before placing into designated dumpsters.

Related Law: [16 RCNY §1-08\(h\)\(2\)\(i\) and \(ii\)](#)

Fine (Residential—1 to 8 residential dwelling units):

\$25 (1st Offense)

\$50 (2nd Offense)

\$100 (3rd Offense)

Fine (Residential—9 or more residential dwelling units):

\$100 (1st Offense)

\$200 (2nd Offense)

\$400 (3rd Offense)





LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION (S)

- ◆ **Robert Kemerson** d/b/a Kew Lounge
139-01 Grand Central Parkway in Briarwood - **Renewal of Full Liquor License**
- ◆ **Salerno Corp.** d/b/a Gino's of Kissena
65-01 Kissena Blvd. in Flushing - **Renewal of 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.



Lunar New Year's Eve....Thursday, February 11th
Lincoln's Birthday.....Friday, February 12th
President's' Day.....Monday, February 15th
Ash Wednesday.....Wednesday, February 17th

Parking meters are still in effect

DEMOLITION/EXCAVATION NOTICE



76-01 160th Street - Demolition (garage only)

[NYC Department of Consumer and Worker Protection \(DCWP\)](#) urges eligible New Yorkers to file their 2020 tax return safely and for free with NYC Free Tax Prep services:

Virtual Tax Prep is an end-to-end service where an IRS certified Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)/Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) volunteer preparer will video conference with you to help prepare your 2020 tax return using a secure digital system.

Note: Volunteer preparers can also assist non-filers with stimulus payments.

Assisted Self-Preparation allows you to complete your tax return online on your own and an IRS certified VITA/TCE volunteer preparer will be available by phone or email to answer your questions.

Drop-off Service allows you to drop off you tax documents at a site and pick up the completed return later.

In-Person Tax Prep allows you to sit down with an IRS certified VITA/TCE volunteer preparer who will help prepare your 2020 tax return.

Families with income of \$68,000 or less in 2020 and single filers with income of \$48,000 or less in 2020 are eligible for NYC Free Tax Prep. IRS announced that the tax season will begin on **Friday, February 12, 2021.**






For assistance go to : www.nyc.gov/taxprep





February 2021

Community Board 8, Queens

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2  Capital/ Expense Budget Public Hearing 7 p.m.	3	4	5	6
7	8  Zoning Cmte. Meeting 7:30 p.m.	9	10  Virtual Community Board 8Q General Mtg. 7:30 p.m.	11	12	13
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*“Whatever we believe about ourselves
and our ability comes true for us.”*

— Susan L. Taylor, journalist