



June

COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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OFFICERS

CHAIRPERSON: Martha Taylor
DISTRICT MANAGER: Marie Adam-Ovide
1st VICE CHAIR: Stanley Weinblatt
2nd VICE CHAIR: Seymour Schwartz
3rd VICE CHAIR: Michael Hannibal
EXEC. SECRETARY: Carolyn Baker-Brown
TREASURER: Harbachan Singh

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Honorable Barry Grodenchik - 23rd District
Honorable Rory Laneman - 24th District

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Honorable Melinda Katz

STAFF

Jatnna Reyes, Community Associate
Izabela Szczepanska, Community Assistant
Marleah DesRuisseaux, Community Assistant

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, Wendy Phaff, Mohammad Rahman, Charlton Rhee, Douglas Sherman and Albert Willingham

Area 3 - Hillcrest Estates & Jamaica Hills

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, Steven Konigsberg, Dilip Nath and Dr. Penny M. Stern

Area 5 – Georgetown Mews, Pomonok, Electchester, Flushing

Mary Maggio – CHAIR, 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

The CB8 Health Fair is Friday, June 28, 2019 from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Unity in Diversity - exemplified by the members of Community Board 8 for 2019-2020



* Some of our members were camera shy and are not in the picture.

Next Community Board 8 Meeting will be on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Recap from the CB8 monthly meeting held on May 8, 2019

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

- The Minutes of the April 10, 2019 Board Meeting were unanimously approved by 39 members.
- Chairperson Martha Taylor announced that Verizon has taken responsibility for the water leaks on 188th Street. She thanked Maria DeInnocentiis and the Elected Officials for helping. She informed everyone that the Executive Committee approved the yearly District Manager's Memo of Agreement. No changes were made to the memo. Ms. Taylor stated that the District Manager spoke to Dr. Bennett today who is doing better and is in good spirits. She hopes to see him in September.
- **Community Board 8 Officer Elections:** In accordance with the By-Laws of Community Board 8, CB8 Officer elections were held for all positions:
 - **Martha Taylor** was re-elected Chairperson.
 - **Stanley Weinblatt** was re-elected 1st Vice Chair.
 - **Seymour Schwartz** was re-elected 2nd Vice Chair.
 - **Michael Hannibal** was re-elected 3rd Vice Chair.
 - **Harbachan Singh** was re-elected Treasurer.
 - **Carolyn Baker -Brown** was re-elected Executive Secretary.
- **Guest Speaker: Amanda Nasner, Department of Homeless Services (DHS)** – Ms. Nasner spoke about the need for shelters and the Turning the Tide plan. They have reimagined a shelter strategy that would remove people from all cluster apartment units and commercial hotel facilities. This would cut the total number of shelter facilities and keep homeless people close to their own neighborhoods and on a path to get back on track.
- **Zoning Committee Report - Steven Konigsberg, Zoning Committee Chair.**

ULURP Application No. C190299ZMQ / N190301ZRQ – Kew Gardens Hills – A Public Hearing was held on Monday, May 6, 2019 to discuss the application to rezone the existing R2 zoning districts in Kew Gardens Hills to R2X districts. The movement was co-sponsored by our CB to help avoid certain expenses. At the Public Hearing there was a presentation by Jay Goldstein, Esq. [applicant representative]. A motion was made to approve the ULURP.

Count in favor 38 Opposed: 2 Abstained: 0

ULURP Application No. 190117MMQ/190342ZSQ – Kew Gardens Jail - A Public Hearing was held on Monday, May 6, 2019 to discuss the application made by the New York City Department of Correction to amend the City Map involving the elimination, discontinuance and closing of one-block long, 25,029.9 square feet portion of 82nd Avenue between 126th Street and 132nd Street in Queens Community District 9. Jordan M. Stockdale gave a brief Power Point presentation on the plan to close Rikers. A motion was made to approve the ULURP.

Count in favor 0 Opposed: 39 Abstained: 1

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

Martha Taylor
Chairperson



Marie Adam-Ovide
District Manager

Community Board 8, Queens

Ninth Annual Health Fair

Friday, June 28, 2019

(Rain or Shine)

2:00PM - 6:00PM



Cunningham Park's Parking Lot
196th Place/Union Turnpike

Health Screenings for Diabetes, Hypertension,
Cardiovascular Disease...etc.

Free Healthy & Nutritious Snacks

Fun Activities for Children -
Bounce House, Puppet Show, etc.

Local Government
Representatives will be
available...and much,
much more!

Enter to win fun prizes!
(Winners will be announced at the end of the fair.)

Contact information: 718 264-7895



Michael Hernandez

Running List of the CB8 Health Fair Sponsors:

AARP New York
Acupuncture Is My Life
Carl's Butterflies
Catholic Charities Alzheimer's Adult Day Program
Cunningham Tennis
Department for the Aging
Department of Buildings
Department of Environmental Protection
Department of Transportation
Emergency Medical Rescue of NYC
Fire Safety Education
Flushing Hospital Medical Center
Foodtown of Hollis
Friends of Cunningham Park
Hearing Help
Hillside Manor Rehabilitation and Extended Care Center
Honorable Leroy Comrie
Honorable Barry Grodenchik
Honorable Daniel Rosenthal
Honorable Nily Rozic
Honorable David Weprin
Human Resources Administration
Public Engagement Unit – Get Covered
MD1 Care Gold Pediatrics
NYC Commission on Human Rights
New York Life
New York Presbyterian – Queens
Northwell Health – Adult/Adult Adolescent & HIV
Northwell Health – Geriatric and Palliative Medicine
Ohel Children's Home & Family Services
Queens College - Jazz Duo
Queens Library & Queens Mobile Library
Reddy Care Physical & Occupational Therapy
Schwartz Brothers/Forest Chapels
Silvercrest Senior Housing
Trips for Kids Metro New York
Visiting Nurse Services of New York
Wellness Forum Health
Women for Afghan Women
2020 Census

**NYPD
BUILD THE BLOCK MEETING
SECTOR A**

Fresh Meadows

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2019

Time: 6:00 p.m. (Meeting starts)

**Middle School 216 Q - George J. Ryan
64-20 175th Street
Fresh Meadows, NY 11365**

Neighborhood Coordinating Officers:

- *Officer Jessica Arrubla*
- *Officer Albert Trotter*

*For accommodations regarding any disability, please contact:
Sergeant Chris Burke at 718 969-6191 or email
Christophe.Burke@nypd.org by 06/09/2019*

**NYPD
BUILD THE BLOCK MEETING
SECTOR C**

Briarwood and Jamaica

FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2019

Time: 7:15 p.m. (Meeting starts)

**Jamaica Muslim Center
85-37 168th Street
Jamaica, NY 11432**

Neighborhood Coordinating Officers:

- *Officer Shawqi Ahmed*
- *Officer Terrence Shepherd*

*For accommodations regarding any disability, please contact:
Sergeant Chris Burke at 718 969-6191 or email
Christophe.Burke@nypd.org by 06/17/2019*

2019 Neighbor's Day

WHERE: Electric Playground

WHEN: Sat, June 8th, 2019 @ 2PM to 6PM

WHAT: Healthcare Services, Kids Activities, Face Painting, Games, Prizes & More

WHY: Come meet your neighbors

WHO: Queens Herald Church & New Life Community Health Center

Questions? Contact community@qhc.org

New York Assembly District 24

South Richmond Hill | Richmond Hill | Briarwood | Jamaica Hills | Hillcrest | Utopia | Bellerose | Bellerose Manor
Fresh Meadows | Glen Oaks | Hollis Hills | Holliswood | Jamaica Estates | Oakland Gardens | Queens Village

Celebrate Organics Collection in your Community!



In partnership with
**New York State Assembly Member
David Weprin**



In partnership with
**New York City Council Member
Barry S. Grodenchik**



Compost Giveback Event

Sunday, June 30, 2019

8:30am - 9:30am | Pre-registration Pick Up Only

9:30am - 10am | First Come First Serve

Alley Pond Park | Parking lot on Winchester Boulevard

79-20 Winchester Blvd, Queens Village, NY 11427

Stop by our info table and find out how to compost your food scraps and yard waste in New York City.

Pre-register for the event to get free 40-pound bags of compost made from New York City foods scraps and yard waste – 1 bag per person. To register call **(718) 454-3027** or **(718) 805-2381**.

For other ways to get compost in New York City visit nyc.gov/getcompost.

nyc.gov/organics | call 311
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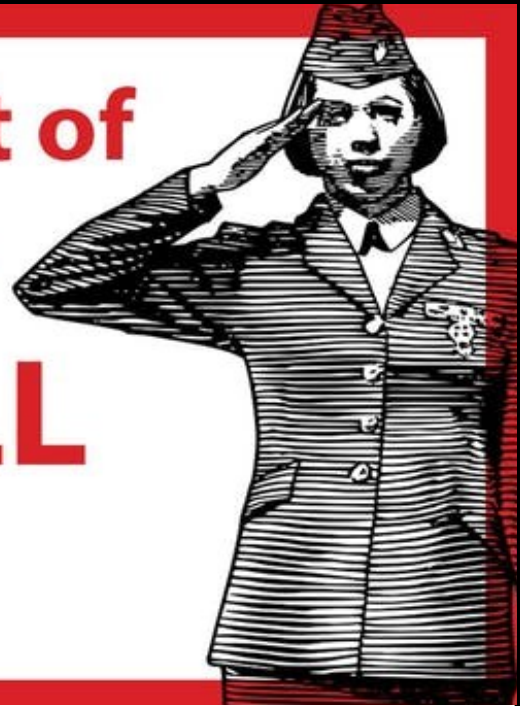


sanitation

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

TOWN HALL

for Women Veterans



Saturday, June 8, 2019
11:00 a.m.

Central Library (*Adult Public Area*)
89-11 Merrick Blvd.
Jamaica, NY 11432
(718) 990-0778

Women veterans of all eras are encouraged to attend this town meeting to obtain information about applying for: VA benefits, compensation, pension, burial benefits, Women Veteran organizations, VSO's, New York City and State benefits. Following a Q & A session, Veterans may enroll in the VA Health-care System on-the-spot. The Queens Central Library will also be providing information about its job and business-related services and assistance with applying for library cards.

NYC Human Resources Administration Notice

NYC HRA's Jamaica Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Center (54) located at **165-08 88th Avenue** in Queens will have new hours effective **Monday, July 1, 2019**. The current hours of the SNAP center are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The new hours will be **Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** This is being done due to the decrease in traffic at SNAP centers citywide.

HRA data indicates that:

- Citywide SNAP in-center foot traffic has declined 43% since 2014,
- The percentage of SNAP applications submitted online increased from 23% in 2013 to 87% in 2019, and
- The percentage of SNAP application interviews conducted by phone increased from 29% in 2013 to 97% in 2019.

This center services 183 individuals a day. It is staffed by 33 employees. *[It serves all CB8 zip codes.]*



Behavioral and Emotional Skills Training (BEST) for Caregivers

- ✓ Is your child struggling with tantrums, hitting, arguing, or not following rules?
- ✓ Are you frequently getting calls about your child's behavior at school?
- ✓ Have you been looking for ways to better manage these issues?

Behavioral and Emotional Skills Training (BEST) is a **FREE** opportunity (valued at \$600) for parents and caregivers

The BEST program will help parents/caregivers to...

- Understand the basics of behavior management
- Learn and practice skills to help your child with his/her behavior
- Increase confidence in managing challenging behaviors
- Connect with other parents and caregivers for continued support

BEST uses well-researched strategies to provide parents/caregivers clear tools for managing misbehavior, setting limits, and increasing positive behavior. This program will help parents and caregivers increase their child's social and emotional development skills, as well as improve their child's self-esteem.

Day: Wednesday, June 12, 2019

Time: 9:00am-2:00pm with 30 minutes for lunch. Lunch will be provided.

Location: PS 223 Queens
125-20 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, NY 11434

Enrollment: Parents, family members, babysitters, and caregivers of children in grades K-5 are invited to participate in BEST. Please note that we are unable to provide childcare.

RSVP at <https://goo.gl/forms/RdnZfUKY6OaL0tov1>.

Questions: Contact Rebecca L. Fleischman, MPA at Rebecca.Fleischman@childmind.org

The Child Mind Institute is an independent, national nonprofit dedicated to transforming the lives of children and families struggling with mental health and learning disorders. Learn more at childmind.org.

Teen Programs



at Fresh Meadows Library
for Teens in 7th-12th Grade

Open Study Mondays, June 3, 10 3:30pm—5:30pm

Anime Club Tuesdays, June 4, 11 3:30pm—5:30pm

Anime Club Special Event: We ♥ Yuri and Yaoi Tuesday, June 4

Tabletop Games & Chess Fridays, June 7, 14, 21, 28 3:30pm—5:30pm

Practice SAT/ACT Exams

Take a full length timed practice exam so you can choose which one to start preparing for. Intended for 9th and 10th graders, but open to all high schoolers. Call 454-7272 to register.

Practice SAT: Saturday, June 1, 12-4pm *Practice ACT:* Saturday, June 8, 12-4pm

HS Admissions: Getting Ahead

Thursday, June 6 5:30—6:30pm

Introduction to families about the NYC High School application process. Families will get tips to plan ahead and successfully navigate the path to selecting a high school. The presenter will discuss Specialized Schools, Private Schools, opportunity programs and admission testing.

Defensive Driving Class

Saturday, June 15 10am—5pm

This full day defensive driving course is open to all drivers and costs \$25 to attend. Contact the Fresh Meadows Library for more information and to register.

LGBTQIA+ PRIDE: Yoga is for Every Body!

Monday, June 17 4:00pm—5:00pm



Yoga, meditation and mindfulness can benefit everyone, but you might not think that from who you see practicing poses on Instagram. No matter your orientation, gender presentation, color, shape, or size, join us in a safe space to learn how to focus your mind and body! It is recommended to wear comfortable clothing and bring a towel or yoga mat.

Volunteer Club: Decorate for Summer Reading

Wednesday, June 26 3:00pm—5:00pm

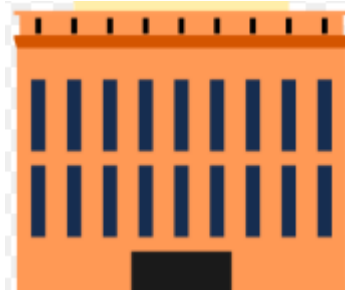
Decorate the library for the summer. Community service credit given.



QUEENS PUBLIC LIBRARY

FRESH MEADOWS LIBRARY
193-20 Horace Harding Expy
Fresh Meadows 11365
(718) 454-7272 www.queenslibrary.org

In light of the proliferation of illegal rental units, here are some safety measures recommended by the NYC Department of Buildings.



Before renting, you should verify that the building can be legally occupied as presented by the owner. Research the history of the building, including violations and permits, and check that required safety measures are present. You can research building information on the Department of Buildings Information System (BIS) at www.nyc.gov/bis.

When looking at a space you are seeking to rent verify that:

- The apartment/room has fire and carbon monoxide detectors.
- The apartment/room has two means of exiting in case of a fire.
- The room has access to natural light and ventilation - all bedrooms must have a window.
- Electricity to the apartment/room is not provided by an extension cord.
- The room (s) is not locked with a padlock.

There are some conditions in your home that may endanger you and your family. Please review these important safety tips and make sure that your apartment is safe. You can file a complaint with the appropriate City agency by calling 311 or using 311 Online.

Get more information at www.nyc.gov/buildings.

Office of the Tenant Advocate (OTA)

The OTA serves as a resource to tenants who are affected by work in occupied multiple dwellings. Tenants may contact OTA with comments, questions and complaints concerning construction in occupied multiple dwellings. Tenants may also contact OTA if they have questions or concerns related to Tenant Protection Plans.

Please contact OTA at (212) 393-2949 or tenantadvocate@buildings.nyc.gov.



LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION (S)

- ♦ **Fresh Meadows Apple, LLC** d/b/a **Applebee's Neighborhood Bar and Grill**
61-48 188th Street, Fresh Meadows - *Alteration of Full Liquor License*
- ♦ **El Rey Restaurant, Corp**
147-13 Hillside Avenue, Briarwood - *Renewal of Full Liquor 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.



Eid Al-Fitr.....Tue. - Thu., June 4th – 6th
Shavuot.....Sun. - Mon., June 9th – 10th

Remember, parking meters are still in effect.

DEMOLITION/EXCAVATION NOTICE



Demolition Notices (DOB)

182-28 80th Drive - Garage
73-26 181st Street - Garage
188-11 Hillside Avenue - House
162-28 73rd Avenue - Garage

Street Activity/Block Party Permit Request



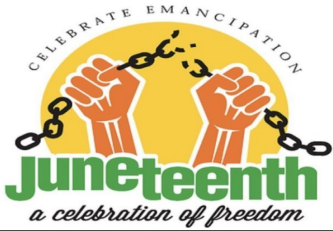
Eid Carnival - June 16, 2019 (8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.)
168th Street (bet. Highland Avenue and Gothic Drive)

Briarwood Block Party - June 9, 2019 (11:00 a.m. – 4:30p.m.)
Manton Street (bet. Main Street and 83rd Avenue)

The above were approved by CB8 and await the approval of the Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO).

On Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 8 p.m., join the Friends of Cunningham Park for a wonderful evening with music under the stars at Cunningham Park featuring the New York Philharmonic Orchestra.





June 2019

Community Board 8, Queens

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9 	10	11	12	13	14 	15
16 	17 Transportation Committee Mtg. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Ave. 7:30 p.m.	18 Parks Committee Mtg. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Ave. 7:00 p.m.	19 Board Meeting Hillcrest J.C. 183-02 Union Turnpike 7:30 p.m. 	20	21 	22
23	24 Liquor License Committee Mtg. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Ave. 7:30 p.m.	25  Queens District Attorney	26	27	28 Join us at Cunningham Park for our Annual Health Fair 2 - 6 p.m.	29
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“Every father should remember one day his son will follow his example, not his advice.”

- Charles Kettering