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COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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CHAIRMAN: Alvin Warshaviak
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3rd VICE CHAIR: Seymour Schwartz
EXEC. SECRETARY: Carolyn Baker-Brown
TREASURER: Harbachan Singh
BUDGET DIRECTOR: Vacant

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Honorable Mark S. Weprin
Honorable Rory Laneman

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Honorable Melinda Katz

STAFF

Joseph Marziliano, Jatna Pimentel-Agramonte and
Alma Karassavidis.

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, Michael Sidell and Jacob Weinberg

Area 2 – Briarwood

Seymour Schwartz - CHAIR, Carolyn Baker-Brown, Allen Eisenstein, Elke Maerz, Charlton Rhee and Albert Willingham

Area 3 - Hillcrest Estates & Jamaica Hill

Kevin Forrestal - CHAIR, Dilafroz Ahmed, Fakrul Islam Delwar, Paul Lazauskas, Frances Peterson and Samuel Rodriguez

Area 4 – Flushing Heights, Flushing Suburban, Hillcrest

Jagir Singh Bains—CHAIR, Kenneth Cohen II, Steven Konigsberg, Annie Salvatore and Alvin Warshaviak

Area 5 – Georgetown Mews, Pomonok, Electchester, Flushing

Mary Maggio Fischer – CHAIR, Monica Corbett, Brian DeMasters, Carolann Foley, Frank Magri, Steven Sadofsky 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’ Board Meeting

Hillcrest Jewish Center

183-02 Union Turnpike (Auditorium)

Fresh Meadows, NY 11366

- ◆ The Minutes of the February 11, 2015 Board Meeting were unanimously approved by 31 members with corrections.
- ◆ Chairman Warshaviak announced that Melinda Katz has named Melva Miller as our new Deputy Borough President.
- ◆ Guest Speaker Darnley Jones of DFTA spoke regarding Access-A-Ride and DFTA services.
- ◆ **ULURP # N 130329 ECQ:** A Public Hearing was held regarding L’Bella Restaurant approval for existing sidewalk café.

Vote unanimously approved. **In Favor: 38 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0**

- ◆ **Government Affairs Committee - Term Limits for Community Board Members:**
New meeting date is March 3, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at CB8 office.
- ◆ **DEP/Sanitation Committee - Multi-dwelling Smoking Ban Proposal:**
Meeting date of February 25, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at CB8 office.
- ◆ **Transportation Committee - Bus Rapid Transit Proposal:**
Community Board 8 requested a joint presentation by MTA and DOT of the Bus Rapid Proposal. At this time the Department of Transportation is still working on its analysis. They advised us that they will come to the Board probably in April/May once they have more information.

The next Community Board 8 Meeting will be on the **THIRD** Wednesday this month:
WEDNESDAY, March 18, 2015 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 Resident:

Some blocks within Community Board 8 have been used by the film industry to film pilots and others for movies. You may be wondering why does the City of New York allow these companies to inconvenience us, the residents? You may also ask what are your rights and/or the responsibilities of these companies? How do I find out if my block will be used for such purposes? Let me share with you what I have learned from the Mayor's Office.

The total impact to our economy was \$7.1 Billion in 2012. This included \$450 million in tax revenue, salaries and dollars spent on the service industry etc. A new study is underway to determine how much money has been infused in the NYC economy since that time. It is believed to have increased.

*Before any film company starts filming, they are required to post notices. As you walk through your neighborhood make sure to read posted temporary signs with a telephone number that you can contact if you have any issues. They are also required to notify your Community Board and your City Council Member. If you are on our email list and we have your home address, you will receive an email alert from us. The film company is also required to have the area cleaned after they leave. They often hire a carting company to remove all garbage at a schedule time. The film companies may place cones 24 hours prior to shooting. If there is a special circumstance (i.e, deliveries, medical appointments), you may contact the number on the flyer. Arrangements can be made. If your car has been relocated due to filming, you should contact 311. Make sure to state that the car has been **relocated** not towed, as towed and relocated vehicles are kept on separate lists.*

Pilot season is during March and April. During that time, the filmmakers may be scouting areas for future filming. They do not share that information with the Mayor's Office of Film, Entertainment and Broadcasting. They usually contact that office once they have decided on a few locations. They often fund and make donations to local entities that are being used. Currently, the Teamsters (film union) have three \$50,000 grants that schools, libraries and local nonprofit agencies can apply for [see information on the next page].

Businesses have asked, "Why don't the film crews patron the businesses in the neighborhood where they are filming? These companies negotiate contracts with caterers far in advance to provide meals for their unionized employees and the food costs them much less. The non-unionized employees (the per diems), however, do patron the local shops.

*While you might be inconvenienced for a day or two when the film crew is in your Neighborhood, think of all the good it does for New York's economy. **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



Community Enrichment Grant



The Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment and Teamsters Local 817 is supporting community enrichment in local neighborhoods in NYC by providing three **\$50,000** grants through the Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment for nonprofit organizations with media, film or arts objective.

Eligible organizations include community-based nonprofit organizations, public schools and public libraries with operating budgets of \$250,000 or more and a commitment to serving populations in high-need communities.

Funds awarded through this grant may be used to support, enhance or expand access to media or arts programs or resources, including the purchase of filming equipment, or activities that engage youth or arts services are the primary mission of your organization.

To be considered for selection, organizations must complete the application via the Mayor's Fund site:

<http://on.nyc.gov/1AAP4y3> by **Tuesday, March 10, 2015**



LaGuardia Community College
Green Jobs Training Program

The **Green Jobs Training Program** is your chance to get the skills you need to apply for a job in Green Cleaning and Waste management or Buildings Operations & Maintenance.

Online registration for the upcoming Green Cleaning and Waste Management + OSHA training to be held in April will start on **Tuesday, March 10, 2015** and the seats fill-up quickly. To apply, interested participants must visit the website:

www.greenworkforcenyc.org

Click "Apply Now."

Program Schedule

April 6- 22, 2015

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Included in Training:

- ◆ OSHA 10-Hour Construction
- ◆ Hands-on Training in Buildings Operations
- ◆ Key Concepts of Sustainability
- ◆ Computer skills
- ◆ Interview and Resume Prep

Requirements:

- ◆ Unemployed or underemployed
- ◆ 18 years or older
- ◆ High school Diploma or GED



It's tax time...

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free tax help to people who generally make \$53,000 or less, persons with disabilities, the elderly and limited English speaking taxpayers who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing for qualified individuals.

The Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) program offers free tax help for all taxpayers, particularly those who are 60 years of age or older, specializing in questions about pensions and retirement-related issues unique to seniors.

To locate a VITA or CTE site call

1-800-906-9887



March Workshops and Activities

43-50 Main Street in Flushing
www.queensbotanical.org
718-886-3800



Indoor Gardening Workshop

Sunday, March 8th from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Join Fred Gerber, Director of Education Emeritus, for an adult workshop on starting your summer vegetables indoors [Nominal fee]. Registration is required:
Eventbrite.com/event/15200769912

Children's Garden Family Day Sponsored by HSBC

Saturday, March 14th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
FREE.
Get a taste of the Children's Garden Program by planting seeds; while learning about the environment and gardening.

March Equinox Craft for Kids

Saturday, March 21st from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
[**FREE** while supplies last - limited to 30 children]
Schools and groups contact:
schoolprograms@queensbotanical.org

QBG Craft Table at The Shops at Skyview Center [Level B]

From 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
FREE while supplies last.
Sunday, March 22nd - fashionable bracelets using materials that come from plants



LEARN

English

FREE ADULT ESL CLASSES

CLASSES ARE FORMING NOW @

PS 26 QUEENS

195-02 69TH AVENUE

FRESH MEADOWS, NY 11365

PLEASE CONTACT

MS. CHRISTINE MARZILIANO FOR MORE INFORMATION

CALL 718-464-4505 X 5



~ In Observance of National Women's History Month ~
Office of Assembly Member David I. Weprin, in partnership with the American Italian Cancer Foundation, is proud to offer

FREE Mammograms & Clinical Breast Exams

Sunday, March 22, 2015

9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

The Sikh Cultural Society
9530 118th Street, Richmond Hill, NY 11419

For an Appointment, Please Contact:

Assemblyman Weprin's Richmond Hill District Office:
111-12 Atlantic Avenue #5
Richmond Hill, NY 11419
(718) 805-2381

Eligibility:

- Women aged 40 and older with health insurance
- Woman aged 50 and older without health insurance
 - Current New York City Resident
 - No Mammogram in the past 12 months

No co-pays required and deductibles are waived
Medical Services provided by Multi-Diagnostic Services

For more information about this or any other community issue, please contact Assemblyman Weprin's office at (718) 805-2381.

Selfhelp Fresh Meadows Senior Center

67-00 192nd Street
Fresh Meadows, NY 11365
718-454-6286

The Selfhelp Fresh Meadows Senior Program is offering **FREE** housekeeping and medical transportation services to all Fresh Meadows residents age 60+. Housekeeping includes light shopping and laundry. Car service includes any medical (including dental) appointment within the 5 boroughs of NYC.



Please call 718-454-6286 for more information.



Alley Pond Environmental Center

228-06 Northern Boulevard
Douglaston, NY 11362

Thursday, March 5, 2015 - Join Ms. Sila Asa, Program Director at the Turkish Cultural Center of Queens and learn how to prepare some delicious Turkish food. The menu features **ali nazik** (roasted eggplant dish), carrot yogurt salad and a desert TBA. Take home recipes after a wonderful sampling of dishes. This program is for adults and offers free babysitting for children ages 5 & up.

Saturday, March 7, 2015 - Join us in the Log Cabin for fun indoor activities that children can recreate home: Hand crafting (sewing & weaving), gift making (Valentine sweet treats) and imagination building (what to do with some wood and a few nails). This program is for age 7 - 12.

Saturday, March 7, 2015 - Imagine what it would be like to be a baby animal. Learn how these animals have fun just like us. Meet some of APEC's animals (weather permitting) . Participants must be toilet trained.

Sunday, March 8, 2015 - This class will offer toddlers and their parents/care givers an opportunity to socialize and learn about nature in a relaxed environment. Spring related activities include live animals, art projects, outdoor play, trail walks and music. Pre-registration required. No non-participant siblings allowed except for infants in infant seats. This program is for ages 18—36 months and their care takers.

**There is a fee for each of these programs.
For more information contact (718) 229-4000**

Transitional Services for New York, Inc.

Agency Open House
Thursday, April 16, 2015
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Come meet the Dynamic Transitional Services for New York, Inc.'s team and enjoy a tour of the Jamaica Center. You will learn about:

- ◆ Apartment and Supported Housing Programs
- ◆ Hope house I and Hope house II Programs
- ◆ SMARTS 9Seniors moving Ahead and Realizing Their Success
- ◆ Miele's Respite (Parachute NYC)
- ◆ Adult Protective Services
- ◆ Clinic Treatment Services
- ...and much more



Where: Jamaica Center
90-27 Sutphin Blvd.
Jamaica, NY 11435

RSVP by April 1, 2015 by calling Terry LoPiano at (718) 526-8400, Ext. 11
Or email at tlopiano@tsiny.org



*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.*



Did you know???

Unauthorized Removal of Refuse

No one, other than an authorized employee or agent of the DSNY, shall disturb or remove ashes, garbage, refuse (**including recycling**) or rubbish placed within the stoop line or in front of houses for removal by householders, tenants or occupants.

§16-118(7)(B) FINE: \$100-\$300



LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

- ◆ Robert Kemerson d/b/a Kew Motor
139-01 Grand Central Parkway in KGH *Renewal application for a Wine, Beer and Liquor License.*
- ◆ Momi Restaurant Inc. d/b/a Turquoise Restaurant
189-23 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows *Renewal application for a Wine and Beer License.*
- ◆ Weis DJC Inc. d/b/a Annie Chan's Restaurant
190-11 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows *Renewal application for a Wine and Beer 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.

Public Advocate Letitia James' Mayoral Control Forum

Tuesday, March 10, 2015 (6:00 - 8:00 p.m.)

WHERE?

PS 59 - Jackson Heights
77-02 37th Avenue
Jackson Heights, NY 11372



WHAT?

A Town Hall Meeting on Education,
Mayoral Control and
Community engagement

For more information, please call 212 - 669-2200 or email latlas@pubadvocate.nyc.gov

CITY PARKING RULES

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

Purim..... **March 5th**



DEMOLITION/VACATE NOTICE



- ◆ 169-06 Highland Avenue - Vacate Order [cellar]
- ◆ 184-08 69th Avenue - Demolition of Garage
- ◆ 73-30 186th Street - Demolition of Garage
- ◆ 69-25 184th Street - Demolition of Garage
- ◆ 176-40 Kildare Road - Demolition of Garage

Health Education Forum



A Parent's Perspective on Autism:
How to Get Help For Your Child Your Child

Wednesday, March 11, 2015
10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

New York City Department of Health
42-09 28th Street - Conference Room 14-31
Long Island City, NY 11101

To register call (347) 396-4600

Or send an email to:

ecurent1@health.nyc.gov

GAME ON!

A Celebration of National Girls and
Women in Sports Day...



Saturday, March 7, 2015
Noon to 3:00 p.m.
Al Oerter Recreation center
131-40 Fowler Avenue
Flushing, NY 11355



This event is **FREE** and open to the public!
For more information, please visit nyc.gov/parks






March 2015

Community Board 8, Queens



March
In like a lion,
out like a lamb!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Capital / Expense Budget Public Hearing 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Avenue	3 Government Affairs Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Avenue	4	5 Happy Purim! 	6	7
8 Daylight Saving Time Begins 	9 Transportation Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Ave	10	11	12 Liquor License Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Avenue	13	14
15	16 ULURP Enclosed Sidewalk Café Mela's Café 71-02 Kissena Blvd. 7:30 p.m. Parsons Beacon 158-40 76th Rd.	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day! 	18 Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike	19	20 Spring begins 	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29  Palm Sunday	30	31				



MARCH 2nd is ACROSS AMERICA DAY! Remember to read with your child today and everyday!