



# May

## 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  
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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, 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 will be on Friday, June 28, 2019...Save the date!*

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

The Minutes of March 13, 2019 Board Meeting were unanimously approved by 40 members.

**Chairperson Martha Taylor** welcomed two new Board Members: Ms. Wendy Phaff and Mr. Mohammad Rahman. She sent her best wishes to Board Member Bright Limm who was unable to attend the meeting due to a medical procedure. She announced that the Department of City Planning (DCP) certified a ULURP application on March 25, 2019 for siting a jail in Kew Gardens. The location is within District 9 but it is very close to private residences in Briarwood. As a result, the Board sent a letter to DCP requesting that the Community Board take part in the review process. She also announced that it was the consensus of the Executive Committee to form an Ad Hoc Committee for Census 2020.

**Nominations - Mary Maggio, Chair of Nominating Committee:** **Martha Taylor** was nominated for **Chairperson**; **Stanley Weinblatt** was nominated for **1st Vice-Chair**; **Seymour Schwartz** was nominated for **2nd Vice-Chair**; **Michael Hannibal** was nominated for **3rd Vice-Chair**; **Carolyn Baker-Brown** was nominated for **Secretary** and **Harbachan Singh** was nominated for **Treasurer**.

**Guest Speaker: Jahnvi Aluri, Program Manager of the Jamaica Center Business Improvement District (BID) –** Ms. Aluri gave a presentation on the Downtown Jamaica BID. She spoke about the Avenue NYC program. This program is a competitive grant program that funds and builds the capacity of community-based organizations operating in low to moderate income neighborhoods to execute commercial revitalization initiatives. *(Presentation is available upon request.)*

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

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

*Dear Community Board 8 Resident:*

*It brings much pain to see the level of hatred and religious intolerance around the world. Our nation was founded on religious freedom, yet, houses of worship are being targeted by hate. We live in the most diverse county in the nation; therefore, we must lead the nation by example.*

*The Community Board 8 Members are a very diverse group. They have different faiths: Buddhist, Christian, Jewish, Muslim and Sikh. They are immigrants, first generation Americans, and some have ancestors who came on the Mayflower. They are African American, East Asian, Caucasian, and Southeast Asian; nevertheless, they all manage to get along. **Why?** They know that what binds them is much stronger than their differences. They all work together for a common purpose; to improve their communities. They know that when a road gets repaired or a street gets cleaned, we all benefit. When they worked to make sure that contaminants were removed from the Queens Hospital's Campus before a school was built, it was for the betterment of all our children. This togetherness that I witness every day at the Community Board level can be achieved at all levels.*

*We all studied the history of the different sects of Christians and the strife between them in our youth. Most countries had an official religion and if you did not belong, you were persecuted. We learned how many came to America for religious freedom. We must continue to be that beacon of religious freedom. I believe the majority of us respect the right of everyone to worship in their own way or even not to worship if they so choose [even if we do not agree with that choice]. That majority cannot remain silent — **we must be the most vocal.***

*Let's pledge to eradicate religious intolerance in all its forms. We can start the conversation at home, in schools, in our civic groups, and in our houses of worship.*

***It takes more than City Hall to make New York City great, it takes us all!***

*Sincerely,*

***Marie Adam-Ovide***

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### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Parks Committee – Captain Tilly Park's Comfort Station, Bhitihara Martha Fulton, Committee Chair**

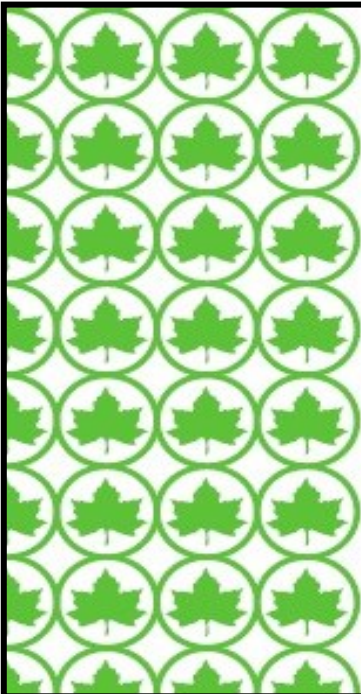
Ms. Fulton stated that a meeting was held on March 4, 2019. The purpose of the meeting was to review the plans to renovate the comfort station at Captain Tilly Park. A letter in support of the plans was sent. *The Power Point presentation is available at the office upon request.*

#### **Queens Complete Count Committee (QCCC) – Kevin Forrestal**

**Census 2020**– Mr. Forrestal referenced a fact sheet on the QCCC's topic: "The Changing Demographics of Queens and what's at Stake in the 2020 Census." We have people who are coming into the Borough and others who leave for the rest of the country. They are replaced through net migration from other parts of the world. Queens remains vibrant through this demographic change. For the U.S. Census self-response is important. There will be an identification number given and the hope is to get everyone to respond by computer using that number. Hopefully, Census staff won't have to follow-up in person which takes more time.

There will be oral arguments in April at the Supreme Court and hopefully a decision in June regarding the question in the U.S. Census questionnaire - "Are you a U.S. Citizen?" Many outreach groups feel that if this question is on the U.S. Census, they cannot go out and ask people to participate.





Commissioner Michael Dockett,  
Borough President Melinda Katz, &  
Council Member Barry S. Grodenchik  
cordially invite you to attend a ribbon cutting  
ceremony for the performance space and  
picnic area at Cunningham Park.

Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
10:30 a.m.  
193<sup>rd</sup> Street & Aberdeen Road

RSVP to Corisa Robinson at (718) 520-5905  
or email [corisa.robinson@parks.nyc.gov](mailto:corisa.robinson@parks.nyc.gov)



NYC Parks



**OPENS  
MAY 12th**

**EBT,  
WIC Checks  
WELCOME**

**Health Bucks  
Available**

# Cunningham Park Farmers Market

**Sundays, 9AM-2PM**

**In the parking lot off Union  
Turnpike near the tennis courts**



# Free Paper Shredding Event



Hosted by  
**Assemblymember  
Daniel Rosenthal**  
and  
**Senator John Liu**



Save time and money and drop off your unwanted paper with American Security Shredding Corp. for a safe and secure shredding.

At:

**Poppenhusen Institute**

at 114-04 14th Road, College Point, NY 11356

When:

**Sunday, May 5, 2019**  
**From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**



For more information regarding this event or any other community issue, please contact Assemblyman Daniel Rosenthal's District Office at 718-969-1508 or email us at [rosenthald@nyassembly.gov](mailto:rosenthald@nyassembly.gov). 159-06 71st Avenue Flushing, NY 11365



# FAMILY PARK DAYS

sponsored by

## Council Member

## Rory I. Lancman

### 1:00pm - 4:00pm



NYC Parks



Animal Show

Arts & Crafts

Games

Inflatables

**May 19th: Mauro Playground**

(Park Drive East & 73rd Terrace)

**May 25th: Rufus King Park**

(Jamaica Ave & 153rd Street)

**May 26th: Pomonok Playground**

(Kissena Boulevard & 65th Avenue)

**June 8th: Utopia Playground**

(Utopia Parkway & 73rd Avenue)

**June 9th: Hoover Manton Playground**

(Manton Street & Main Street)

**June 15th: Turtle Playground**

(138th Street & 61st Road)

**June 22nd: Captain Tilly Park**

(Highland Avenue & 165th Street)

**June 23rd: 75 Playground**

(75th Avenue & 160th Street)

**June 30th: Electric Playground**

(65th Avenue & 164th Street)

**For more information, please contact Council Member Lancman's**

**Office at 718-217-4969**



*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???*

### **Sidewalk Obstruction**

Sidewalk areas must be kept free from any obstruction that could impede pedestrian traffic. Obstructions may include, but are not limited to, refuse, refuse containers, merchandise, bins, racks, coin-operated rides, sandwich or A-frame signs, over-extended sidewalk displays/stands, ATMs, ice machines and acrylic enclosures, etc.

Stores are permitted to have outside displays of merchandise. The items displayed must consist of goods which are available for sale inside the store. All sales must occur inside the premise. Structures for merchandise displayed outside the store may extend no more than Three (3) feet into the sidewalk from the building line and no higher than 5 feet. However, streets that are designated “zero sidewalk display streets” *may not have* any displays placed on the sidewalks. In addition, sidewalk displays *are not allowed* on a street during the time when general vending or food vending is prohibited on that street by law or by Street Vendor Review Panel action. However, veterans who were disabled with a service-related injury may vend on a restricted street with a proper permit from the Department of Consumer Affairs.

To find out if a street is a “zero sidewalk display street” or is a street restricted from general vending or food vending, write or email the Departments of Small Business Services (SBS), or Consumer Affairs (DCA), or contact the New York City Customer Service Center at **311**.

During the month of December, displaying and selling coniferous trees (Christmas trees) is legal, except where specifically stated by law. Additionally, palm branches, willow branches, myrtle branches, and citrons may be displayed and sold in the months of September and October. The display of these items may exceed the 3’ by 5’ requirement. However, a clear path for pedestrians must be maintained **and vendors are responsible for proper disposal of left-over items.**

**§16-118(2)(a) FINE: \$100-\$300**



## LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION (S)

- ◆ El Rey Restaurant, Corp  
147-13 Hillside Avenue, *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.



Memorial Day.....Mon., May 27th  
Solemnity of the Ascension.....Thu., May 30th  
**Remember, parking meters are still in effect.**

### DEMOLITION/EXCAVATION NOTICE



#### Demolition Notices (DOB)

75-23 166th Street - House & Garage  
84-48 Charlecote Ridge - Garage  
170-05 Cedarcroft Road - House  
87-25 Homelawn Street - House  
84-19 Kent Street - House & Garage



### Street Activity/Block Party Permit Request

**Log Bomer Festival** - Thursday, May 23, 2019 from 12 noon to 8 :00 p.m.  
77th Ave. (bet. Main and 147th Streets)

**This request has been recommended for approval by CB8 and awaits SAPO approval.**

### **NYPD BUILD THE BLOCK MEETING SECTOR B**

Cunningham Heights, Fresh Meadows & Holliswood

**TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019**

**Time: 7:00 p.m. (Meeting starts)**

**Yeshiva University H.S.  
86-86 Palo Alto Street  
Holliswood, NY 11423**

#### **Neighborhood Coordinating Officers:**

- *Officer Ehlisa Kolenovic*
- *Officer Paramveer Singh*

*For accommodations regarding any disability, please contact:  
Sergeant Chris Burke at 718 969-6191 or email  
[Christophe.Burke@nypd.org](mailto:Christophe.Burke@nypd.org) by 05/17/2019*

### **NYPD BUILD THE BLOCK MEETING SECTOR D**

Kew Gardens Hills

**TUESDAY, MAY 07, 2019**

**Time: 7:15 p.m. (Doors open)  
7:45 p.m. (Meeting starts)**

**Yeshiva of Central Queens  
147-37 70th Road - Sub Cellar Dining Hall  
Flushing, NY 11367**

#### **Neighborhood Coordinating Officers:**

- *Officer Nicholas Afanasenicz*
- *Officer Matthew Zakian*

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[Christophe.Burke@nypd.org](mailto:Christophe.Burke@nypd.org) by 05/03/2019*



# May 2019

## Community Board 8, Queens

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 	6 Public Hearing Hillcrest J.C. 183-02 Union Tpke. 7:30 p.m. 	7	8 Board Meeting Hillcrest J.C. 183-02 Union Turnpike 7:30 p.m.	9	10	11
12 HAPPY Mother's DAY 	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23  Lag B'Omer	24	25
26	27  MEMORIAL DAY	28	29	30  ASCENSION	31	

*"I've got sunshine on a cloudy day. When it's cold outside, I've got the month of May ...,"* - The Temptations