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COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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EXEC. SECRETARY: Carolyn Baker-Brown
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CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Sharon Lee

STAFF

Jatma 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, Bhithara-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

Respond to the Census at 2020census.gov!

Community Board 8, Queens

(Webinar)

The Minutes of the March 11, 2020 Board Meeting were unanimously approved by 31 members.

On behalf of the entire Board, DM Marie Adam-Ovide expressed condolences to Board Member Fakrul “Islam” Delwar on the passing of his father-in-law due to the COVID-19 virus. Condolences to Board Member Joshua Glikman who was unable to attend the meeting due to sitting Shiva.

Elected Officials’ Announcements:

Honorable Councilman Rory Lancman – CM Lancman informed us that the City Council had their first virtual meeting today. He is excited to see that Community Board 8 is up and running. His office remains open (virtually), anyone can reach out via telephone: 719-217-4969 or email: Rlancman@citycouncil.nyc.gov. All 51 Council Members are geared up to try to put their budget in shape and get it done by the June 30, 2020 deadline.

Honorable Councilman Barry Grodenchik – CM Grodenchik informed us that he is doing much better. His family is also doing well after going through the COVID-19 virus. They have been delivering food to the most vulnerable on the eastern part of his district. They have been working hard to make sure everyone is fed. The Council and the Mayor added about \$200M in funding to feed individuals. He thanked all frontline workers for the magnificent job they are doing. He looks forward to meeting everyone in person soon.

Jabeen Sheema (Representing State Senator John Liu) – Ms. Sheema informed us that Senator Liu’s office is open virtually to assist all constituents with any issues they may have. They can be contacted by telephone: 718-765-6675 or email: Liu@nysenate.gov.

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The next CB8 meeting will be on **Wednesday, May 13, 2020** at 7:30 p.m. (Via Webinar)
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:

*Recently, we welcomed our new commanding officer for Queens Borough Patrol South, **Assistant Chief Ruben Beltran**. He is a native New Yorker and a Queens resident. He has had a long career and extensive experience in law enforcement. We look forward to working with him to keep our communities safe. We also wish former Chief David Barrere much success in his new position as Chief of Housing.*

*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

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Honorable Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz – DA Katz thanked everyone who wished her well while she and her family were dealing with the COVID-19 virus. The DA's office is working virtually.

Domestic Violence cases are on the rise. Most of these crimes go un-reported and it is suspected that it is on the rise now due to the circumstances we are in now. They have a lot of resources to help victims of domestic violence. A lot of non-for-profits are still running. There are shelters for victims of domestic violence. They have created a hotline to assist those victims who can call 718-286-4410. This hotline is available 7 days week, 24 hours a day. If it is an immediate emergency, she advised that they call 911 first. A lot of hate crimes are being reported and most of them are due to the coronavirus.

Riker's Island went from 9,718 inmates from a few years ago to now having 3, 921. They have let out about 100 people that were City sentenced at Riker's. They are working on cases of those inmates who are requesting to be released due to the COVID-19 and those who have health related issues. She can be reached at: Katz@queensda.org.

Guest Speaker:

Michael Steigman – Mr. Steigman represents Down to Earth Markets and organizes the farmer's market at Cunningham Park. This year marks the fourth year of the market at Cunningham Park. The market is set to begin on **Sunday, May 10, 2020**.

Due to the COVID-19, they will operate differently so that residents may purchase their groceries safely. Their original intention was to open the market with additional vendors. This may not be possible. They will have vendors placed 10 feet away from each other to practice social distancing guidelines as mandated. Social distancing will also be practiced between shoppers while waiting in line. They are working on implementing a new way of purchasing produce through an app - **Whatsgood Marketplace**. This will enable shoppers to order ahead of time and reduce the in-person interaction at the market (*see Pages 4 & 5*).

Nominations - Mary Maggio, Chair of Nominating Committee:

- * **Martha Taylor** *was nominated to serve as Chairperson.*
- * **Michael Hannibal** *was nominated to serve as 1st Vice Chair.*
- * **Seymour Schwartz** *was nominated to serve as 2nd Vice Chair.*
- * **Stanley Weinblatt** *was nominated to serve as 3rd Vice Chair.*
- * **Harbachan Singh** *was nominated to serve as Treasurer.*
- * **Carolyn Brown** *was nominated to serve as Executive Secretary.*

Health Minute with Dr. Penny Stern, Health Committee Chair:

Dr. Stern spoke about home safety during the COVID-19 for children. Now that children are home, parents are facing challenges like home schooling, less access to childcare.

There are gaps between supervisions and a lot more stress. In terms of physical safety, taking precautions in small children, especially those between the age of 3 or more who are at risk of falling, choking hazards and burning.

Important things about keeping kids safe while working from home include:

- Keep them in your line of vision at all times
- Keep children from climbing on furniture to prevent falls, specially near windows.
- Medicine should always be locked away.
- Keep laundry detergents out of sight, especially tide pods.
- Try your best to start your day as you normally would (i.e. same waking up schedule, eating breakfast, etc.).
- There are a lot of online activities to keep children engaged. The best way to keep your children calm, is to for you to be calmed as well.

Many people are concerned about visiting hospitals at this time. Should you require medical attention for your child, call your pediatrician immediately. He/She will advise you as to what you need to do and if a visit to the emergency room is needed. There are gaps between supervision and a lot more stress. In terms of physical safety, taking precautions for small children, especially those age 3 or more who are at risk of falling, choking and burning.

Online Marriage Licenses Available!



Some good news during this crisis - New York City will now allow residents to get marriage certificates online!

[NYC.GOV/Cupid](https://www.nyc.gov/cupid)



New Yorkers can now get married without leaving their apartment/house!



**MAY 10
thru
NOV 22**

**SNAP
WELCOME** **Health Bucks
Available**

Grow Community
Shop with local farmers and food makers

**You can now order ahead
and pick up at the farmers market!**
Download the WhatsGood Marketplace app and look for
the Down to Earth Cunningham Park Farmers Market to
place your orders with our vendors.

Cunningham Park Farmers Market

Sundays, 9AM-2PM

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

 **CunninghamParkFarmersMarket**

 **downtoearthmkt**

downtoearthmarkets.com

↖ **Head here to sign up for the weekly email**



Here are some guidelines to shopping the farmers market during the Covid-19 crisis:

- To pre-order: Download the WhatsGood Marketplace app to shop. Order before 11:59pm on the Thursday before the market. Bring your purchase receipts or confirmations to facilitate collecting your purchases from each of our vendors.
- To shop at the market: Ask for the products you want to purchase and the salesperson will gather them together for you at the register (vegetables too). Avoid touching or leaning over displays.
- We have asked our vendors to pre-package everything they possibly can. We hate all the plastic too but it minimizes food exposure and maximizes grab-and-go purchasing. We apologize if that means you can't get items in your preferred amount.
- There will be no food sampling or cooking in the market. Please support vendors who you usually buy ready-to-eat food from by purchasing some of their packaged products.
- Our vendors are staffed to keep things moving along quickly, but please leave 6 feet of space between yourself and the person in front of you if you find yourself in a line (that's about two arm lengths).
- Help us minimize crowding and get everyone through the market as quickly as possible by greeting our farmers and food makers with a big smile and your purchase confirmation. We all love a good chat but will have to save it for when Covid-19 is just a bad memory.
- Take conversations with friends and neighbors outside the market area but stick to social distancing rules for everyone's safety.
- Keep dogs outside of the market area.
- Don't forget your bags!

Free Civil Legal Services

Phone Intakes



NYLAG's Mobile Legal Help Center is holding all of our scheduled sites remotely!

We provide free civil (non-criminal) legal services to those who cannot afford an attorney.

Make an appointment for a confidential phone intake.

Our free legal services are provided regardless of immigration status.

May 22, 2020 10am – 3pm

To make an appointment please call the Office of Council Member Grodenchik

718-468-0137

Or visit us online

nylag.org/van

Our lawyers are ready to speak to you about any of the following issues:

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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| HOUSING (TENANTS ONLY) | IMMIGRATION |
| PUBLIC BENEFITS | INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE |
| DISABILITY BENEFITS | DIVORCE |
| HEALTHCARE BENEFITS | CUSTODY |
| IDENTITY THEFT | EMPLOYMENT |
| DEBT MANAGEMENT | ADVANCE PLANNING |



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Courtesy of Council Member Barry S. Grodenchik

I am Asian, but I am NOT a virus.

Do not blame me for something I did not cause. If you choose to be cruel to me, you will be **reported, found and arrested.**

NYPD and the **NYS Attorney General** are calling for ALL hate crimes/bias incidents to be reported ASAP. In NY, some hate crimes can now be charged as **domestic terrorism.**

VICTIMS AND KIND BYSTANDERS:

- 1) Take a picture or video.
- 2) Call **911** if urgent. Or go to/call the police station at

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- 3) And call NYS Attorney General at **1-800-771-7755.**

Hate is also a virus, but together we can fight this, too!

Brought to you by Concerned AsAm Citizens of NYC



SERVICE NOTICE

COVID-19 Response: Crane Filings Launch in DOB NOW: *Build*, Updated Essential Construction Questionnaire for Electrical and Limited Alteration Applications and Certificates of Correction Mail Submission Deadline

Crane filings (phase one) will launch in DOB NOW: *Build* on Monday, April 27, 2020. The Essential Construction Questionnaire in the permit application for Electrical and Limited Alteration Applications has been updated to include the revised guidelines in the DOB Guidance Document. The deadline to submit Certificate of Correction requests by mail is May 1, 2020.

Crane Filings (phase one) in DOB NOW

As of April 27, 2020, Crane Prototypes (CPs) and Crane Device (CDs) filings (new, amendments, and renewals) must be submitted in [DOB NOW: *Build*](#). There will be no changes to Crane Notices (CNs) transactions during Phase One – paper CN submissions will continue to be processed in BIS until Phase Two, which is now planned to begin late June 2020.

Step-by-Step Guides and Additional Information are available on the [DOB NOW: *Build* Cranes Resources](#) page. To log into DOB NOW, all users need an active eFiling account specific to their license type, if applicable. To create an eFiling account, visit the [DOB NOW Registration page](#).

Updated Essential Construction Questionnaire for Electrical and Limited Alteration Applications (LAA)

The Essential Construction Questionnaire that is included in the application for electrical and LAA permits in DOB NOW: *Build* has been updated to include the revised guidelines in the [DOB Guidance Document](#) that was issued on April 15, 2020. The questionnaire must be completed in order for the application to be submitted. Once the permit is issued, a Certificate of Authorization must be printed and posted at the work site. To print the Certificate of Authorization, go to www.nyc.gov/dobnow and from the Essential Construction tab (without logging in), enter the job number and select Print Certificate.

Certificate of Correction Requests

The deadline to mail in paper Certificate of Correction affidavit and statement forms (AEU2, AEU3321 and AEU20) is May 1, 2020. Requests received by mail after May 1, 2020 will be returned to the sender with instructions to submit the request online. To submit a Certificate of Correction request, use an eFiling account to log into DOB NOW at www.nyc.gov/dobnow and select the BIS Options portal and +Certificate of Correction Review Request. See the [Certificates of Correction Service Notice](#) for more information.

For additional service updates see the [DOB COVID-19 Response](#) page.

POST UNTIL: June 30, 2020

DSNY

The New York City Department of Sanitation announced the [suspension of the curbside composting program](#) to allow the City to maintain emergency services and its core municipal services during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The suspension will begin on **Monday, May 4, 2020** and is planned through **Tuesday, June 30, 2021**. During this suspension, any food scraps and yard waste set out for composting will be collected as trash. Residents are encouraged to make compost on their own if they have the space to do so. Residents can learn how to compost at home at nyc.gov/recyclingmaterials and click “*Food Scraps + Yard Waste.*”





*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???

NYC Offers **Free** Grab and Go Meals!

- Free "Grab and Go" meals are available for all New Yorkers Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Meals Hubs will operate for children and families from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and for adults from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- **No one will be turned away at any time**
- All adults and children can pick up multiple meals at once.
- No registration, ID, or documentation are required.
- No dining space is available, so meals must be eaten off premises.
- Parents and guardians may pick up meals for their children.

Go to this link below for a location near you:

<https://www.opt-osfns.org/schoolfoodny/meals/default.aspx>

For Kosher meals go to:

https://www.opt-osfns.org/schoolfoodny/meals/kosher_service.aspx

Reminder

Street storage of vehicles prohibited. When parking is not otherwise restricted, no person shall park any vehicle in any area, including a residential area, in excess of seven (7) consecutive days.

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LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION (S)

- **FKNG, Corp.** d/b/a Mela's Café & Restaurant
71-02 Kissena Blvd. in Kew Gardens Hills - ***New Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider License***
- **Kosher Boyz Lounge Inc.** d/b/a Kosher Boyz Lounge
61-07 Utopia Parkway in Fresh Meadows - ***(New Wine, Beer & Cider License)***
- **Meiyuan NY, LLC** d/b/a Mira Sushi
153-11 Union Turnpike in Kew Gardens Hills - ***(Corporate Change)***



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.



Alternate side parking has been suspended until **May 12, 2020**.
Parking meters are still in effect.

DEMOLITION NOTICE/VACATE ORDER

Community Board 8 Queens **did not** receive any demolition notices or vacate orders for our district.



Look who's hiring...

NYC is hiring 1,000 Contact Tracers Immediately to help trace, isolate and support all New Yorkers with confirmed COVID-19. For more information, including required skills, go to:

<https://fphnyc.org/about/careers/>

Temporary opportunities available: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/sbs/careers/find-a-job.page>

TLC: As a part of the GetFoodNYC deliver program, Drivers can sign-up to deliver meals (*webpage is only in English*) at www.nyc.gov/DeliveryTLC

Seasonal Jobs at NYCHA: NYCHA is currently hiring temporary workers to assist with maintenance at their properties throughout the city. The job will last as needed throughout the spring season at a rate of \$15/hour. For more info and to apply, those who are NYCHA residents can contact their local NYCHA Property Management Office:




https://twitter.com/NYCHA/status/1244685960564129792?mc_cid=b18a7c2c1b&mc_eid=50539dc993



May 2020

Community Board 8, Queens

Stay Home and Be Safe!

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