



December 2013

COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

DISTRICT OFFICE

197-15 Hillside Avenue
Hollis, NY 11423-2126
Tel # (718) 264-7895
Fax # (718) 264-7910
E-Mail: qn08@cb.nyc.gov
Website: www.nyc.gov/queenscb8

OFFICERS

CHAIRMAN: Alvin Warshaviak
DISTRICT MANAGER: Marie Adam-Ovide
1st VICE CHAIR: Stanley Weinblatt
2nd VICE CHAIR: Martha Taylor
3rd VICE CHAIR: Seymour Schwartz
EXEC. SECRETARY: Carolyn Baker-Brown
TREASURER: Maria DeInnocentiis
BUDGET DIRECTOR: Vacant

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Honorable Mark S. Weprin
Honorable James F. Gennaro

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Honorable Helen Marshall

STAFF

Barbara McKeon, Jamise Porterfield and Alma Karassavidis

BOARD MEMBERS BY AREA

Area 1 – Kew Gardens Hills

Dr. Allen J. Bennett – CHAIR, Susan D. Cleary, Florence Fisher, Joshua Glikman, Mitch Lisker, Simon Pelman, Michael Sidell and Jacob Weinberg

Area 2 – Briarwood

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

Area 3 - Hillcrest Estates & Jamaica Hills

Kevin Forrestal - CHAIR, Dilafroz Ahmed, Paul Lazauskas, Frances Peterson, Samuel Rodriguez and Anna Sawchuk

Area 4 – Flushing Heights, Flushing Suburban, Hillcrest

Jagjir 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 and Martha Taylor

Community Board 8, Queens

Board Meeting held on Wednesday, November 13, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Hillcrest Jewish Center, 183-02 Union Turnpike

- ◆ The minutes of the October 9, 2013 meeting were approved.
- ◆ Chairman Alvin Warshaviak announced with much chagrin the death of former Community Board 8 **Chairman Al Daly***. He also announced the resignation of Board Member Norma Stegmaier from the Board after serving for 25 years.
- ◆ **ULURP No. 120178ZMQ** - Proposal to rezone 158-15 Union Turnpike from R2-3/C1-2 to R5D/C1-3. This would allow the construction of a mixed used four-story building with stores on the first level and residential apartments on the other levels. This would cap the maximum height to 40 feet. A pre-existing curb cut on Union Turnpike will allow the entrance on there.

Vote: 17 in favor 14 opposed 0 abstained

Next Community Board 8 Meeting will be on **WEDNESDAY, December 11, 2013**

*** A memorial is scheduled in Chairman Al Daly's honor.**

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



A Word from the District Manager ...

Dear Resident:

Many of you are right in the middle of holiday shopping. While you are selecting presents for the young and old to spread holiday cheer others are watching you. They are waiting for the opportunity to steal your goods, cash and credit cards. In addition, there have been reports of telephone scams to look out for. Here are a few tips from the NYPD to avoid being a victim:

- Be alert and aware of your surroundings at all times. Criminals often target people who are distracted.*
- If possible, stay in designated waiting areas or in view of the station booth clerk while awaiting your train. Never walk or stand near the edge of the subway platform.*
- Travel on populated, well lit streets. If possible, travel with a friend.*
- When driving, keep your doors locked and the windows closed. Make sure the gas tank is full. Maintain your car in good working order to avoid breakdowns.*
- Always lock your car. Before getting into your car, check the back seat to make sure no one is hiding there.*
- Avoid leaving valuables in your car. Whenever possible, place items out of sight in the trunk of your vehicle prior to reaching your destination. Never leave packages in the passenger compartment unattended.*
- Plan your purchases in advance and carry only the amount of cash or number of credit cards necessary to make the purchase. If you must carry a large sum of money, divide the cash between your purse, pockets and wallet.*
- Cancel credit cards you don't use and keep a record of the account numbers for each credit card you possess. This will facilitate reporting the theft or loss of the cards.*
- Carry your purse close to your body. Place one end of the purse in the palm of your hand and the other in the bend of the elbow. Never wrap the strap around your body.*
- If you are carrying a wallet, carry it in the breast pocket of your jacket or in your side pants pocket. The rear pants pocket is the easiest to pick.*
- When in a restaurant, don't leave your handbag over the back of your chair or on the floor. Don't leave your belongings unattended.*
- Don't wait until you have reached your front door to look for your keys. Have them ready in your hand. If a stranger is standing near your door, it may be a good idea not to go in until the situation feels safer. Lock your front door immediately upon entering your home.*

*According to the 107th Precinct, you must also beware of people calling on the telephone and asking you to wire money. The target victim of this scam is called by someone claiming to be a relative who needs bail money to get out of jail. Or they may claim your family member has been kidnapped and will demand that the ransom be paid via a money transfer service such as Western Union. Keep in mind that anyone calling and asking you for money **MUST** be considered suspicious.*

Here are some steps to take if this occurs:

- **Hang up** the phone.*
- **Remain calm** and contact your loved ones to verify their safety.*
- **Never** wire money in a panic.*
- **Never** give your personal or financial information to the caller.*
- **CALL 9-1-1***

*I urge you to use these safety tips from the New York Police Department. **The Community Board 8 staff joins me to wish you a joyous, healthy, peaceful and crime free holiday season!***

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

A Word from the Taxi and Limousine Commission....

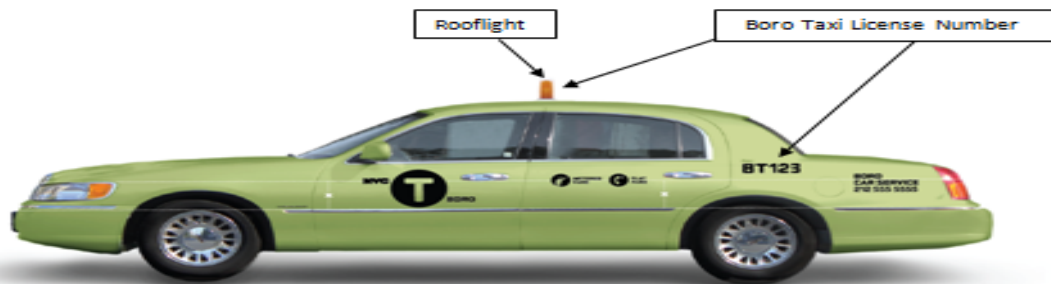
New York City Boro Taxis

On June 6th, 2013, the Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) began issuing licenses for a new type of taxicab called a Boro Taxi. The drivers of these cabs can provide safe, legal street hail service to passengers in northern Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, The Bronx, and Staten Island. If you haven't seen one in your neighborhood already, you should be seeing one in the coming months.

Here are some key facts the TLC wants you to know about Boro Taxis:

- **Areas of Service:** You can hail these taxicabs anywhere within the five boroughs except in Manhattan below W. 110th Street and E. 96th Street. You can also call ahead for one from your local car service.
- **Set Fares:** If you hail one, your driver has to use the metered fare, which is the same as the yellow taxi rate. If you call your local car service for one, the driver must input the car service's fare into the meter.
- **Convenience & Customer Service:** All Boro Taxis will be green in color, have a rooflight to indicate if it's available (meaning less honking), a taximeter, GPS (making it easier to locate lost property), and a credit/debit card reader. The credit/debit card reader must be made available for use on all trips. In addition, 20% of all Boro Taxi permits sold are restricted for wheelchair-accessible vehicles.
- **Safety and Security:** Every Boro Taxi is inspected by the TLC twice per year. Also, each Boro Taxi has a unique license number (like a yellow cab), and you can use it to file a complaint/commendation or retrieve lost property. See the diagram below:

Here's what a typical Boro Taxi will look like:



Free Immigration Services will be provided at the Community Board 8 office on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of every month. These services are funded by City Councilman Mark Weprin and facilitated by CUNY Citizenship Now!



*Upcoming Dates: December 6th and December 20th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Please call the Community Board for more information.*

Assemblyman David I. Weprin
185-06 Union Turnpike
Fresh Meadows, NY 11366



Help Assemblyman Weprin spread holiday cheer to those less fortunate by participating at the Holiday Toy Drive. Please bring a new educational, unwrapped toy, game or book suitable for children 12 years old and under by:



Wednesday, December 18, 2013



*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???

All Cell Phone Providers Must Recycle Your Cell Phone

The New York State Wireless Recycling Act (Chapter 730 of the laws of 2006) requires **all** wireless telephone service providers that sell cell phones in the State of New York to accept cell phones for reuse or recycling. These businesses must accept up to 10 cell phones from any person or provide a method for shipping the phones for recycling at no cost. Violations may be reported to NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Regional Office.

[\[\(718\)482-4900\]](tel:(718)482-4900)

New York State Environmental Conservation Law
§27-2303

In Certain Cases You Are Entitled To A Receipt From A Vendor

In NYC if a customer requests a receipt for a purchase between \$5 and \$20, vendors must provide it, and if the purchase is \$20 or more, vendors are required by law to provide a receipt.

By law, receipts must show:

- The business name and address and, if licensed by DCA, it must have "Department of Consumer Affairs" followed by the DCA license number
- The amount of money paid for each item
- The total amount the customer paid, including a separate line for tax
- The date of the purchase
- The make and the model of any electronic purchase more than \$100

Receipts *cannot* show a credit card's expiration date or more than its last five digits.

Residential Cooking Grease Must Be Disposed Of In the Trash

Cooking grease poured into a kitchen drain clogs pipes in your home and city sewers. Clogged sewer lines cause sewage back-ups into your home and neighborhood. Clogged sewer lines can also cause sewage to be released into city waterways, harming water quality and the environment.

How Can You Help?

DON'T pour oil or grease down the drain.

DON'T wash cooking oil or grease from dishes, pots and pans down the drain.

DON'T wash food scraps down the drain.

DO place cooled cooking oil, grease and fat in sealed containers and discard with your regular garbage.

DO dry wipe oil and grease off dishes, pots and pans with a paper towel before washing; then discard paper towels in trash.

DO scrape food scraps from dishes into trash and dispose of properly.

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS



- ◆ **Cuzco Peru BBQ Chicken, Inc.**
138-13 Queens Boulevard in Briarwood, ***NEW application for a Wine and Beer License.***
- ◆ **Virdig Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Alba Pizza & Restaurant**
137-65 Queens Boulevard, ***Renewal application for a Liquor, 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.

CITY PARKING RULES

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

Immaculate Conception.....Sunday, December 8
Christmas Day.....Wednesday, December 25



NEW YORK CITY REAL ESTATE PUBLIC AUCTION

Wednesday, December 4, 2013
10:00 am
49-51 Chambers Street
Emigrant Bank Building
New York, NY 10007



The auction brochure that lists the parcels to be offered, including the Terms and Conditions of Sale and other information, can be obtained from the DCAS website at:
www.nyc.gov/auctions



The Home Energy Assistance Program (**HEAP**) helps low-income homeowners and renters pay bills for heating fuel. Equipment and repairs. For more information, call HEAP today at: **800-692-0557**

DEMOLITION/VACATE NOTICE

- None



Queens Interagency Council on Aging

Invites you to a **FREE** dialogue addressing
Mental Health in the Golden Years
with experts who can help.



Where: **Queens Borough Hall**
120-55 Queens Blvd., Rm. 213
Kew Gardens, New York
When: **Wednesday, December 4, 2013**
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
RSVP: **(718) 268-5954/ E-mail: qicany@aol.com**

There is limited seating, pre-registration is advised.

STOP 'N' SWAP

*Sponsored by the Office of Recycling Outreach and Education of
GrowNYC*

Where: **Public School 154Q**
75-02 162nd Street in Hillcrest
When: **Saturday, December 7, 2013**
Noon to 3:00 p.m.



Bring clean, portable, reusable items to share or just come and see what's free for the taking! You don't have to bring something to take something (No furniture or other large items).

For more information visit: www.grownyc.org/swap



Grief is tough on you and your kids.

*Come together with other families
to help everyone heal faster.*

**Join the New York City Children's
Grief Connection Project**

Who's invited?

Those aged 5-17, who had a loved one die and their caregivers

What do they do?

Children and caregivers meet in separate groups • Children talk, learn how to handle anger, anxiety, and create art
• Caregivers talk about parenting, grief, and how to help their children • Families learn that they are not alone

When?

Once a week for 10 weeks, starting at the end of January 2014

Where?

St. John's University, Queens Campus

FREE OF CHARGE

funded by the New York Life Foundation.
Light refreshments are offered.
Contact Trish Batchelor, Intake Coordinator
at **718•990•2367** for more information.



December 2013

Community Board 8, Queens

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	7:30 p.m. 3 Liquor License Committee Mtg. 197-15 Hillside Ave	4	5	6	7 
8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception	9	7:00 p.m. 10 Parks Committee Meeting 197-15 Hillside Ave	7:30 p.m. 11 Board Meeting Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	Closed 25 	26 	27	28
29	30	31 				