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COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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EXEC. SECRETARY: Carolyn Baker-Brown
TREASURER: Maria DeInnocentiis
BUDGET DIRECTOR: Vacant

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Honorable Mark S. Weprin
Honorable Rory Lancman

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Honorable Melinda Katz

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, December 11, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.
Hillcrest Jewish Center, 183-02 Union Turnpike**

The minutes of the November 13, 2013 meeting were approved. 32 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.

Congratulations to Norma Stegmaier on her retirement as a Board Member of Community Board 8.

Norma served on the Board for 23 years. She served on several committees on Community Board 8.

Borough President Helen Marshall's third and final term will end on December 31, 2013. On behalf of Borough President Marshall, her representative thanked the Community Board Members for 12 years of partnership with her office. She thanks each Board Member for his/her dedication and for preserving and serving our community.

Memorial In Honor of Former Chairman Albert Daly

District Manager Marie Adam-Ovide and Jamise Porterfield created a beautiful memorial slideshow of Al Daly and his life. Chairman Warshaviak had the privilege of serving as a Board Member under Al Daly for a number of years. He was a true gentleman and a great Community Board Chairman. Mr. Daly served with distinction on the Board for about 21 years. He was a gentleman who was not afraid to stand his ground. He was a person that was looked upon with great dignity. The following speakers spoke in honor of Mr. Daly's memory: Bernie Diamond, Councilman Elect Rory Lancman, James Gallagher, Jr., Marc Haken, Mark Lefkof, Mr. Daly's daughter Wendy and his grandson.

City Councilman-Elect, Rory Lancman announced that he will take the oath of office on Sunday, January 5, 2014 at Queens College at 4:00 p.m. in the LeFrak Concert Hall. Everyone is invited to the ceremony.

Guest Speaker – NYC Comptroller John Liu took this opportunity to give a final report as City Comptroller. He thanked the Board Members of CB8. The community would certainly not be as strong as it is today if not for the hard work and due diligence of CB8.

Deputy Borough President Barry Grodenchik stopped by to say thank you to the Board. He stated that it has been an honor these last 4 years as Deputy Borough President to serve the community. It has been a sincere pleasure to work with each and every one of you.

Next Community Board 8 Meeting will be on WEDNESDAY, January 15, 2013 (3rd Wednesday)

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

A Word from the District Manager ...

Dear Resident:

The New Year is a time for new beginnings. It is a time to make new resolutions - be it to exercise, eat healthier or achieve a healthier weight. This year why not add to your list of resolutions to become a better neighbor?

Here are 14 ways you can become a better neighbor in 2014:

- ◆ Keep your sidewalk and curbs free of debris and/or litter - everyone likes to live in a clean environment. Residential routing times (*times when violations can be issued for unkempt sidewalks etc...*) for Department of Sanitation Enforcement is 8:00 a.m. to 8:59 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 6:59 p.m.
- ◆ Do not litter regardless of where you are - you are always in someone's neighborhood.
- ◆ Having a party? Turn down the music after 10 p.m. and even lower every hour after that.
- ◆ Leaving a party? Keep your voice down as you exit the party and walk to your car - most people are asleep after 10 p.m. and before 6:00 a.m.
- ◆ Curb your dog and don't put the waste in your neighbor's garbage pail or the sewer.
- ◆ Shovel the snow in front of your house and that of your elderly neighbor too - you may be blessed with old age one day and someone else will return the favor.
- ◆ Shovel the snow near a hydrant and call 311 if the hydrant is leaking - the life you will be saving may be your own.
- ◆ Remove the snow from the roof of your car to prevent accidents on the road.
- ◆ When you use a blower to clean the fallen leaves, do not blow them onto your neighbor's yard.
- ◆ Construction must be kept within the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. during weekdays. *Weekend constructions are not allowed, unless you have a variance or are doing repairs or alterations to existing one/two-family, owner-occupied dwellings, convents or rectories on Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. when located more than 300 feet from a house of worship.* It is not only common courtesy... it's the law!
- ◆ Did you receive a water shut-off notice? Please do share the information with your neighbor - notices are usually posted the day before.
- ◆ Trim the trees on your property before it damages your neighbor's property.
- ◆ Join your local civic association and be aware of what is going on in your community.
- ◆ During a heat wave or after a heavy snow storm, please check on your elderly neighbor. Don't forget to smile and say hello - **kindness is free!**

It has been my experience that a good neighborhood is not just where it is located. It is the people who live there and how they look out for one another.

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.

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This information is also available on our website: www.nyc.gov/queenscb8. Remember to "Like" us on



*Best Wishes for a Happy, Healthy and
Prosperous New Year!
From Community Board 8, Queens*

*Free Immigration Services are being
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: January 3rd and January
17th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Please call the Community Board for more
information.*

Stamps are going up to 49¢



According to the Associated Press, mailing a letter is going to be a bit more expensive. A three-cent increase was recently approved for first class letters in an effort to help the Postal Service recover from severe mail decreases brought on by the 2008 economic downturn. Forever stamps, good for first-class postage can be purchased at the lower price until the new rate goes into effect on **January 26, 2014.**



*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???

New York City Highway Rules §2-09(G)4

No person shall deface any curb by painting, printing or writing names or advertisements, placing other inserts, attaching, in any manner, any advertisement or other printed matter, or by drawing, painting or discoloring such curb.

Snow and Ice Removal

Every owner, lessee, tenant, occupant, or other person having charge of any lot or building must clean snow and/or ice from the sidewalk within **4 hours** after the snow has stopped falling, or by **11:00 a.m.** if the snow has stopped falling after **9:00 p.m.** the previous evening. Snow may **NOT** be thrown into the street. If the snow or ice becomes frozen so hard that it cannot be removed, the sidewalk may be strewn with ashes, sand, sawdust, or similar suitable material within the same time limits. The sidewalk must be thoroughly cleaned as soon as the weather permits.

§16-123 FINE: \$100-\$150 - 1st Offense

\$150-\$350 - 2nd Offense

\$250-\$350 - 3rd & Subsequent Offenses

Hot Water

Landlords must provide all tenants of multiple dwellings with both hot and cold water. Hot water must register at or above a constant temperature of 120 degrees at the tap. If a tub or shower is equipped with an anti-scald valve that prevents hot water temperature from exceeding 120 degrees, the minimum temperature for that hot water temperature for that tub or shower is 110 degrees.

**Multiple Dwelling Law § 75; Multiple Residence Law § 170
NYC Administrative Code § 27-2031**

Heating Season

Heat must be supplied from October 1 through May 31 to tenants in multiple dwellings. If the outdoor temperature falls below 55°F between the hours of six a.m. and ten p.m., each apartment must be heated to a temperature of at least 68°F. If the outdoor temperature falls below 40°F between the hours of ten (10) p.m. and six (6) a.m., each apartment must be heated to a temperature of at least 55°F.

**Multiple Dwelling Law § 79; Multiple Residence Law § 173;
NYC Admin. Code § 27-2029.**

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS



- ◆ **Regina Café Pizzeria**
176-49 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows, ***NEW application for a Wine and Beer License.***
- ◆ **Asiana Bistro Restaurant Inc.**
176-61 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows, ***NEW 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.

CITY PARKING RULES

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



New Year's Day.....Wednesday, January 1st
Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday.....Monday, January 20th
Asian Lunar New Year.....Friday, January 31st

Coming

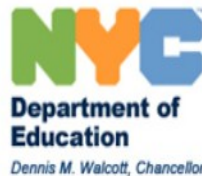
Coming

Coming Soon....

Special Edition Business Newsletter

Free Citizenship Classes

Certified teachers will prepare students for the English and civics test. Classes are every **Monday and Wednesday** from **5 p.m. to 9 p.m.** for 12 to 14 weeks. Participants must be U.S. Permanent Residents.



Call Lynn Williams to register at (718) 577-2175.

Queens Workforce1 Career Center
168-25 Jamaica Avenue, 2nd Floor

Kindergarten Registration

Beginning January 13, you can apply to kindergarten for the 2014-2015 school year. Use Kindergarten Connect, www.nyc.gov/schools/kindergarten to submit your application online.



You can also apply by telephone by calling **718-935-2400** from **8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Monday - Friday** or in person at an Enrollment Office from **8 a.m. - 3 p.m., Monday - Friday.**

MulchFest 2014!



Saturday & Sunday
January 11th & 12th
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Visit Cunningham Park at Union Turnpike and 196th Street to have a tree chipped or pick up mulch.

For more information and additional locations visit www.nyc.gov and search for "MulchFest" or call 311.

DEMOLITION/VACATE NOTICE

- **149-24 Melbourne Avenue**
(emergency declaration - garage in danger of collapsing)



NYC Small Business Services
New York City Department of Small Business Services' Neighborhood Development Division Announces the Fiscal Year 2015 Avenue NYC Grant Application is here!

The Avenue NYC Grant Program provides funding to non-profit economic development organizations in low- to moderate income communities across the five boroughs to implement commercial revitalization activities in 5 project categories: business attraction, placemaking, merchant organizing, capacity building, façade improvement. Organizations applying for Avenue NYC funding must target income eligibility requirements as designated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Completed applications and all required attachments must be emailed to avenuenyc@sbs.nyc.gov by **midnight, Friday, January 31, 2014.**

Access the full application and program guidelines by visiting http://www.nyc.gov/html/sbs/html/neighborhood_development/avenue_nyc.shtml



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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | Office Closed 1  | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 Public Hearing 7:30 p.m. ULURP 188-11 Hillside Ave | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 Liquor License Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Avenue | 14 Area 7 Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Avenue | 15 Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 Office Closed  | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 Chinese New Year  | |