

**November 2012**



## COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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### OFFICERS

**CHAIRMAN:** Alvin Warshaviak  
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**1st VICE CHAIR:** Stanley Weinblatt  
**2nd VICE CHAIR:** Martha Taylor  
**3rd VICE CHAIR:** Seymour Schwartz  
**EXEC. SECRETARY:** Maurice Braithwaite  
**TREASURER:** Robert Van Pelt  
**BUDGET DIRECTOR:** Maurice Braithwaite

### CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Honorable Mark S. Weprin  
Honorable James F. Gennaro

### BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Honorable Helen Marshall

### STAFF

Barbara McKeon, Jennifer Brosowsky and Jamise Jones

### 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, Norma Stegmaier 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, Frances Peterson, Samuel Rodriguez and Anna Sawchuk

#### Area 4 – Flushing Heights, Flushing Suburban, Hillcrest

Robert Van Pelt - ACTING CHAIR, Jagir Singh Bains, Maurice Braithwaite, Kenneth Cohen II, Steven Konigsberg, Nily Rozic, Annie Salvatore and Alvin Warshaviak

#### Area 5 – Georgetown Mews, Pomonok, Electchester, Flushing

Mary Maggio Fischer – CHAIR, Monica Corbett, 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, Tamara Osherov and Robert Van Pelt

#### Area 7 – Jamaica Estates & Holliswood

Mark Lefkof – CHAIR, Dr. Robert Block, Howard A. Fried, Marc A. Haken, Michael Hannibal, Jesse Rosenbaum, Harbachan Singh and Martha Taylor

### Community Board 8, Queens Board Meeting held on Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest Jewish Center, 183-02 Union Turnpike

Minutes of September 12, 2012 were approved: 26 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.

**Guest Speaker** – Mr. William Cunningham, Vice President of Government & Community Affairs – North Shore L.I. J. Healthcare System. Mr. Cunningham gave a presentation about the healthcare system, specifically, the impact on the residents of Community Board 8.

**Barry Grodenchik** – Director of Community Boards presented Board Members with Certificates of Appreciation to mark their milestone anniversaries on the Board. Harbachan Singh, Anna Sawchuk, Howard Fried, Jagir Singh Bains and Dilafroz Ahmed received 10 year certificates. Robert Harris received a 15 year certificate. Board Members Florence Fisher, Allen Eisenstein, Tami Hirsch and Stanley Weinblatt were acknowledged at the June Installation Ceremony for their 25 years or more service. Maurice Braithwaite was honored for 20 years. Congratulations to all!

#### **Committee Reports:**

**FY2014 Capital & Expense Budget Priorities and Vote on Tabulated Form 3.** **Maurice Braithwaite, Chair of Capital and Expense Budget Committee,** explained the procedures for prioritizing the Capital and Expense Budget items for FY2014.

Capital Budget: 29 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained  
Expense Budget: 28 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstained  
Tabulated Form 3: Unanimous vote in favor

#### **Kevin Forrestal, Chair of DEP/Sanitation Committee - Flooding on Utopia Parkway**

Mr. Forrestal believes the studies that DEP have done are being kept a secret. We have requested this information repeatedly and it has been totally blocked. This is unacceptable. Kevin Forrestal and Jim Gallagher, Jr. announced that the Fresh Meadows Homeowner Civic Association will be holding a special meeting with DEP to discuss the flooding problems on Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

\*\*\* Minutes of the Board Meeting are available on our website: [www.queenscb8.org](http://www.queenscb8.org)  
**NEXT COMMUNITY BOARD 8 MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2012**

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

Dear Community Board 8 Resident:

### **Now that you are registered, where do you go to cast your vote?**

After each decennial census, the Constitution mandates reapportionment/redistricting to ensure that each district whether congressional, state senatorial, assembly, city council and electoral district are evenly represented. This means that when your electoral district changes, your polling place (*where you go to cast your vote*) might have changed as well.

There has been much confusion this past few months as to where residents should go to cast their votes. You can go to: <http://gis.nyc.gov/vote/ps/index.htm> or you may call the Board of Elections at **718-730-6730**. If you do not have access to a computer, feel free to call our office and we will be glad to check the information for you online.

### **Now that you have voted for the person who will represent you best, what is the next step?**

Casting your vote is only part of your civic duty, remember that it is up to you to follow up with your representatives and ensure that you are getting the best representation. If you do not voice your concerns, then your legislators cannot know what your needs are.

### **Our republic works best when we all take part in the process!**

Sincerely,

***Marie Adam-Ovide***

*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.queenscb8.org](http://www.queenscb8.org)*

## **A "Bright" Idea!**

It will cost you almost \$2000 to replace a laptop and over \$500 for a TV if a burglar takes the one you own - but it costs only about a dime to keep a light on all night at your door or in your window. Those dimes are well spent if they protect all of your valuables. It is a simple fact that criminals do not like bright places. If one house is brightly lit, and another has no lights, criminals will generally head for the dark one. No one likes to attract attention, especially when your intentions are no good!



Deny burglars the opportunity to make you their victim. Keep outside lights on around your house, or in your windows through the night. Now that is a "bright" idea

***NYPD Community Affairs***



## LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

- NYC Cloud 9, 179-22 Union Turnpike, has applied for its ORIGINAL Liquor, Wine and Beer License.
- Café Elite, 72-28 Main Street, has applied for its ORIGINAL Liquor, Wine and Beer License.

*Any complaints about establishments with liquor licenses should be sent in writing to Community Board 8. Unless a signed, written notification is received at our office, we cannot follow up. You must also include your address and telephone number.*



### Street Activity/Block Party Permit Requests Received by Community Board 8 for November 2012:

**Farmer's Market**  
May 3rd to November 29th (10 a.m. - 5 p.m.)  
Kissena Boulevard between 65 Ave. & Melbourne Ave.

### Vacate Orders

- 181-02 84th Drive
- 144-56 76th Road



### New York City Transit News



Necessary track work is scheduled on the Steinway Tunnel on the 7 subway line. Service diversions will be scheduled on the following weekends: November 10-12 and November 17-19, 2012.

There will be no service between Times Square/42nd Street and Queensboro Plaza from 12:01 a.m. on Saturday to 5:00 a.m. on Monday.

### Learn About Judicial Candidates in New York State

- Judges make decisions that affect our everyday lives, to uphold the constitution and protect our rights.
- Your vote will determine who should serve as trial court judge in New York State.
- Your vote will ensure that the justice system functions properly - It's your civic responsibility.

Go to [NYcourts.gov/vote](http://NYcourts.gov/vote), a non-partisan website, to learn about the judicial candidate in your district.



LaGuardia  
Community  
College

### CLASSES & SERVICES FOR VETERANS

Interested in earning a college degree? Looking to advance in a career? LaGuardia's Veteran Upward Bound Program can help you!

- Apply for GI benefits, college enrollment and financial aid.
- Prepare for college placement tests in reading, writing and math.
- Develop an electronic portfolio.
- Use your military experience to select a career or college major.

Fall Cycle - **November 5, 2012 - December 13, 2012**

Monday - Thursday - 6 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Veterans Service Office - 31-10 Thomson Ave, Room C-371, in L.I.C.

Call (718) 482-5386 or 5231 Visit [www.lagcc.cuny.edu/veterans](http://www.lagcc.cuny.edu/veterans)  
E-mail: [vets@lagcc.cuny.edu](mailto:vets@lagcc.cuny.edu) . Facebook: LaGuardia Veterans

### QED-989 Update!

Please be advised that the above referenced contract has been awarded to P & T II Contracting Corp., on September 19, 2012.



In the near future, the contractor will be given the order to commence work. This project involves the construction of Water Main Replacements in various locations in Queens.

### QED-1000

Please be advised that the above referenced contract has been awarded to P & T II Contracting Corp., on July 12, 2012.

**We will keep you posted.**

### DEMOLITION NOTICE

- 69-15 164 Street
- 82-14 Chevy Chase Street
- 181-35 Tudor Road (Garage)
- 81-10 Haddon Street



### CITY PARKING RULES

The City suspends alternate side parking regulations, for both street cleaning purposes and traffic flow, on these legal and/or religious holidays in **November 2012**.

#### Parking meter regulations remain in effect.

- November 1.....All Saints Day
- November 6.....Election Day
- November 12.....Veteran's Day (observed)
- November 13.....Diwali
- November 22.....Thanksgiving Day

**(For more information, call the 311 Hotline)**



### LEGISLATIVE NEWS

**Public Advocate Bill de Blasio** announced new legislation that will prevent the City from intimidating homeowners and businesses into paying bills they do not owe at a **Queens Chamber of Commerce** forum held on October 24, 2012.



A record number of customers contested sky-high water bills in 2011 after the Department of Environmental Protection installed new automated meter readers. However, the DEP warns customers contesting their bills that they face escalating fees and a lien sale if they do not "act now." A lien sale can lead directly to foreclosure. Many customers abandon their appeals - however warranted - for fear of losing their home or business. De Blasio's legislation would prohibit late fees and lien sales while customers are contesting a bill.

The Public Advocate has over 25 cases of home and business owners receiving lien sale threats during the appeals process. The legislation has 10 co-sponsors.

Contact your City Council representative for further information.



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## Community Board 8, Queens

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>4</b> Daylight Savings Time Ends 	5	<b>6</b> Election Day Office Closed 	7	8	9	10
<b>11</b> 	<b>12</b> Office Closed Veteran's Day (Observed)	<b>13</b> 	<b>14</b> Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	<b>22</b> Office Closed Happy  Thanksgiving	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	