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COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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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, Norma Stegmaier and Jacob Weinberg

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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

Jagir 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 Hammibal, Jesse Rosenbaum, Harbachan Singh and Martha Taylor

Community Board 8, Queens

Board Meeting held on Wednesday, October 9, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Hillcrest Jewish Center, 183-02 Union Turnpike

- ◆ **Minutes of September 17, 2013** were approved: 31 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.
- ◆ **Community Affairs Officer Peter Capozzi** distributed enrollment postcards for the 107th Precinct's mass mailing list.
- ◆ **Committee Reports:** Capital and Expense Budget Committee - **Martha Taylor, Interim**
 - ◆ FY2015 Capital Budget Priorities – It was a unanimous vote in favor.
 - ◆ FY2015 Expense Budget Priorities - 24 in favor, 7 opposed, 0 abstained
 - ◆ Form 3: Community Board Service Program Priorities for Fiscal Year 2015 was tallied and submitted.



Next Community Board 8 Meeting will be on **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2013**

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

A Word from the District Manager ...

Dear Resident:

Our democracy works best when all citizens participate fully in the electoral process. This Tuesday, November 5, 2013, you will be voting for Mayor, Public Advocate, Comptroller and City Council representatives. In addition, you will be voting for NYS Judges and there are six ballot propositions.

I am certain that you have heard about all the candidates for Mayor, Comptroller, Public Advocate and the City Council. These usually receive plenty of media coverage. For the other, less publicized races, you can do your own research to determine who to vote for. Visit NYcourts.gov/vote to learn more about the judicial candidates in your district.

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

For the ballot propositions, you can also research them before casting your vote:

Proposal 1: Authorizing Casino Gaming

Proposal 2: Additional Civic Service Credit for Veterans with Disabilities.

Proposal 3: Exclusion of Indebtedness Contracted for Sewage facilities.

Proposal 4: Setting Disputed Title in the Forest Preserve

Proposal 5: In relation to a Land Exchange in the State Forest Preserve with NYCO Mineral, Inc.

Proposal 6: Increasing the age until which certain State Judges can serve.

For detailed information, please go to <http://votesmart.org/elections/ballot-measures/2013/NY>

Let me end by quoting a great American, James Madison, who said, "A popular government without popular information or the means of acquiring it is but a prologue to Farce or Tragedy or perhaps both. Knowledge will forever govern ignorance, and a people who mean to be their own Governors must arm themselves with the power knowledge gives."

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

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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: November 1st and November 15th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Please call the Community Board for more information.

*Do you feel robbed of your hard earned dollars
by a barrage of NYC summonses?*



*Come and Learn How to Avoid Summonses
&
Keep your Money!*

Community Board 8Q Business Forum

When: Thursday, November 21, 2013

*Where: Hillcrest Jewish Center Auditorium
183-02 Union Turnpike
Fresh Meadows, New York*

Time: 8 p.m.

*Representatives from numerous New York City agencies
will be in attendance to answer your questions.*

Contact us at 718-264-7895 or qn08@cb.nyc.gov to confirm your attendance.



*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???

Posting on Trees

It is illegal for any person to affix any handbill, poster, notice, sign, advertisement, sticker or other printed material upon any tree by any means. In addition, affixing any handbill, poster, notice, sign, advertisement, sticker or other printed material upon a tree by means of nailing or piercing the tree by any method shall have an additional penalty imposed equal to the amount of the original penalty. There is a rebuttable presumption that the person whose name, telephone number, or other identifying information appears on any handbill, poster, notice, sign, advertisement, sticker, or other printed material on any item or structure is in violation. Every handbill, poster, notice, sign, advertisement, sticker or other printed material shall be deemed a separate violation. Anyone found to have violated this provision, in addition to any penalty imposed, shall also be responsible for the cost of the removal of the unauthorized postings.

**§10-119, §10-121(a-e, g) FINE: \$150-\$200 - 1st Offense
\$300-\$550 - 2nd & Subsequent Offenses**

What is Daylighting?

The process of “Daylighting” an intersection has both safety and operational benefits.

“Daylighting” refers to the process of installing restrictive parking regulations at intersections to improve visibility and safety for motorists. These parking restrictions are designed to help motorists gain an unobstructed view of traffic approaching the intersection, as well as additional travel lanes or turning pockets at intersections. The cost of implementing these treatments is minimal compared to the safety benefits. Daylighting requires only the posting of parking regulations to restrict parking outright along the approaching curb.

If you think an intersection in your community could benefit from daylighting, please contact us and it will be reviewed at our next Transportation Committee meeting.



LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

- **Mela's Café & Restaurant**
71-02 Kissena Boulevard in Flushing, ***NEW application for a Liquor, Wine and Beer License.***
- **Sushi Metsuyan**
72-08 Main Street in Flushing, ***renewal application for its Wine and Beer License.***
- **Café Muscat**
178-05/07 Union Turnpike, ***NEW application for a Wine and Beer License.***
- **Turnpike Café**
187-20 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows, ***NEW 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.

Queens Community House Pomonok Center Food Justice Leadership Program

- ◆ Want to learn how to be a leader?
- ◆ Ever wonder where their food comes from?
- ◆ Want to help make your community healthier?

This program is open to middle and high school youth. Participants will earn community service hours.



For more information contact Brendan Frodell, Program Director at (718) 591-6060 or Bfrodell@qchnyc.org

Spread Awareness on Important Issues!

CITY PARKING RULES

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

All Saints Day.....Friday, November 1
Diwali.....Sunday, November 3
Election Day.....Tuesday, November 5
Veterans Day.....Monday, November 11
Thanksgiving Day.....Thursday, November 28



DEMOLITION/VACATE NOTICE

- 177-16 Wexford Terrace (full demolition)
- 83-78 Daniels Street (vacate cellar)



The Fresh Meadows Library Branch closed for renovation on **Tuesday, October 15, 2013.**

The Library Mobile is providing limited service on Mondays and Saturdays from **8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Please note that the schedule is subject to change. For up to date information call **718-990-0812.**

NEWS from Assemblyman Simanowitz



A bill introduced by Assemblyman Michael Simanowitz which protects owners from being assessed sales tax on water and sewer line protection programs has been signed into law by Governor Cuomo (Chapter 400 of 2013).

“A water line break in New York City can cost a property owner anywhere between \$3,000 to \$5,000.”said Assemblyman Simanowitz. “A sewer line break costs between \$10,000 and \$15,000. . . My legislation has corrected this oversight and property owners who are enrolled will no longer incur this added fee on their bills. I want to thank Governor Cuomo for signing this important piece of legislation and protecting property owners from this needless expense.”

DEP has partnered with American Water Resources (AWR) to offer the Water & Sewer Line Protection Plan. Please note that participation is voluntary. If you are interested in enrolling, please contact AWR at 1-888-300-3570.



OUTSMARTING TELEPHONE THIEVES

The Crime Prevention Section would like to give you detailed steps you can take to outsmart a Smartphone thief:

- ◆ Stay in a constant state of readiness; stay alert to lurking predators and unexpected dangers.
- ◆ Avoid leaving your phone on the table at restaurants, bars, and coffee shops.
- ◆ Avoid leaving your telephone in an open handbag and never hang the bag over the back of a chair when out at a store or café.
- ◆ Do not call attention to yourself by walking with your Smartphone in hand when not in use.
- ◆ When traveling by bus or train remain alert and remember that most thefts on public transit occur near bus and train doors.
- ◆ Register your Smartphone with tracking apps. (***Example: "Find My iPhone" & "Where's My Droid"***)
- ◆ Register your Smartphone with the NYPD Operation ID program at your local Police Precinct. Ask for the Precinct, Crime Prevention Officer.
- ◆ Password protect your Smartphone.
- ◆ Know your numbers: Smartphone model number, serial number and International Mobile Equipment Identifier (IMEI) number.

For more information visit:

www.nyc.gov/html/nypd/html/crime_prevention

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