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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 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

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

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 Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Hillcrest Jewish Center, 183-02 Union Turnpike

Minutes of June 12, 2013 were approved: 34 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.

Special Election of Community Board Executive Secretary

Congratulations to Carolyn Baker-Brown who was elected as the new Community Board Executive Secretary.

Guest Speaker Merlin Thompson

Mr. Thompson is the Associate Athletic Director at Queens College. He informed the community on several recreational programs at Queens College.

Assemblywoman Nily Rozić announced that she is having a Homeowners Town Hall meeting being held on October 2nd from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Armenian Church of the Holy Martyr in Bayside.

Memorial for Former Board Member Maurice Braithwaite

We remember with great fondness a gentleman who served with dignity. Maurice Braithwaite served as a Community Board 8 Member for 21 years. He was the Executive Secretary. He was also the Budget Director and served as Chairperson for Area 4. He also actively participated on the Library, Youth and Education Committee.

Chairman Alvin Warshaviak, Mr. Kenneth Cohen, Sr., Ms. Marva Dudley, Mr. & Mrs. Gillespie, Board Member Ken Cohen II, Board Member Marc Haken, Board Member James Gallagher, Ms. Diane Haussermann, Rory Braithwaite and Marcel Braithwaite all spoke loving words about Maurice Braithwaite. Staff Member Jamise Porterfield created and presented a beautiful memorial slideshow of Maurice and his life. Chairman Warshaviak asked for a moment of silence.

Next Community Board 8 Meeting will be on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2013

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

A Word from the District Manager ...

Dear Resident:

*This month, please be reminded to observe all parking regulations as you shop, take your children to school, go to worship and go to work in Community Board 8. Take the time to park properly and even walk a block or so to your destination to avoid receiving summonses. Recently, it came to my attention that **8,910** parking summonses were issued within our boundaries.*

*The majority of the summonses were given for parking meters (2,791) followed by street cleaning (2,198) then by no standing (426), fire hydrants (418), no standing in bus stops (276) and so forth. It costs a quarter (25¢) to park for 20 minutes. It pays to add an extra quarter or two to the meter instead of paying \$35. Errands usually **take longer** than anticipated. Remember that during holidays while the street cleaning regulations are suspended, you **must still** pay the meter.*

Business owners, you can assist your clientele by posting signs reminding them that parking regulations are strictly enforced by the NYPD Traffic Enforcement Unit. Always have quarters to make change for your customers and remind them that muni meters also accept credit cards. They'll remember how helpful you've been and will continue to patronize your store.

Drivers, remember the difference between No Standing, No Parking and No Stopping:

- **No Parking** - Waiting is **not** allowed. You can load and unload packages or merchandise at curbside. You can drop off and pick up passengers.
- **No Standing** - Waiting is **not** allowed. You **cannot** load and unload packages or merchandise at curbside. You can drop off and pick up passengers.
- **No Stopping** - Waiting is **not** allowed. You **cannot** load and unload packages or merchandise at curbside. You **cannot** drop off and pick up passengers.

*On major holidays, stopping, standing and parking are permitted **except** in areas where the rules are in effect 7 days a week (i.e. No Parking/Stopping/Standing **Anytime**). It is **always** illegal to double park. Do not double park for a minute or even a second. It is illegal to park within 15 feet of either side of a hydrant. Painted curbs **do not** indicate where you can park. Blocking fire hydrants puts you and your neighbors in danger.*

Obeying parking regulations is a great way to save money and to keep your neighborhood safe.

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!**

Please call the Community Board for more information.



At Home Alone: A Parent's Guide

Your children come home from school at 3:00 p.m., but you don't get home from work until 6:00p.m. They are at home alone for those few hours every weekday. What do they do until you arrive home?

Most likely, they get a snack or talk on the telephone. Maybe they watch some TV or start some homework assignments. Since you're not there, you worry. Just like the majority of American parents who work and have to leave their children on their own after school every day, you are anxious about your child's safety. If you follow the safeguards listed below, you can help ease some of this worry by taking basic precautionary measures when you're not around.



Remember - always know the three "W's": Where your kids are, What they're doing, and Who they're with!

WHAT TO TEACH YOUR "HOME ALONE" CHILDREN

- Have your child check in with you or a neighbor immediately after arriving home.
- Ensure they know how to call 9-1-1 and how to give directions to your home, in case of emergency
- Make sure they know your family's emergency plan - if you do not have a plan visit www.ready.gov for more information on creating one
- Teach them how to properly use the door and window locks, and the alarm system if you have one - particularly the "panic" feature of your alarm system
- To never let anyone into your home without asking your permission - no repairmen, delivery persons etc - NO ONE - even if they appear to be in a company uniform.
- To never let a person at the door or on the phone know that they're alone. Teach them to say "Mom or Dad can't come to the phone (or door) right now, may I take a message?"

How to escape in case of fire - do you call 911 first then exit, or exit and call 911? Make sure they know all available exits and what a smoke (or CO) alarm sounds like and what to do if it sounds.

Often times, if you can come home (or call) unexpectedly to check on your child - perhaps even have a trusted friend/neighbor check in - you can be sure that they are following your rules and staying as safe as possible while you are at work.

A message from NYCPD



*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???

Register to Keep STAR Exemption in Fiscal Year 2014

From September 16th to October 4th, the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance will be mailing letters to property owners asking them to register to receive the School Tax Relief (STAR) in Fiscal Year 2014. Please do not disregard this letter. If you do not register to stand to lose more than \$200 in property tax relief. This is pursuant to a recent state law to crack down on many property owners who claim residency in other states from fraudulently receiving the STAR exemption.

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Cease the Grease—Department of Environmental Protection

New York City needs the help of all of its residents to keep our sewer system running properly. Liquified fat, oil, or grease (FOG) that is poured down the kitchen sink drain can cause serious impacts. FOG can cling to the insides of pipes and the sewer system. Over time, it can build up and can eventually block pipes completely. If wastewater can't move freely through pipes and out into the sewer system, it can back up into your home and can cause unsanitary conditions and damages that can be expensive to repair. By following the guidelines below, you can help avoid repeated repairs and unnecessary disruptions to residences and businesses.

DO NOT dump cooking oil, poultry fat and grease into the kitchen sink or the toilet bowl.

DO NOT use hot water and soap to wash grease down the drain, because it will cool and harden in your pipes or in the sewer down the line.

DO place cooled cooking oil, poultry and meat fats in sealed non-recyclable containers and discard with your regular garbage.

DO use paper towels to wipe residual grease or oil off of dishes, pots and pans prior to washing them.



LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

- **Manny's Bake Shop Inc.**
161-18-20 Union Turnpike in Flushing, *renewal application for its Wine and Beer License.*
- **Hado Japanese Sushi Inc.**
138-40 86th Avenue in Fresh Meadows, *renewal of its Wine and Beer License.*
- **CJ's Café**
177-15 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows, *renewal of it 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.



Columbus Day.....Monday, October 14
Idul-Adha.....Tuesday-Thursday, October 15-17



Fall 2013 YouthAction NYC Community Leadership Course begins October 21st. The course is open to high school freshmen, sophomores and juniors who are passionate about long-term volunteerism and advocacy.

Ten sessions will be held Monday afternoons from October 21st through December 16th from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Community service credit is available for students' active and regular participation.

The application deadline is **Wednesday, October 4, 2013**. For more information visit www.ccnnyork.org

Cunningham Park It's My Park Day!



Friends of Cunningham Park will be participating in the Million Tree Giveaway and It's My Park Day on

Saturday, October 19th from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Volunteers may enter Cunningham Park at Union Turnpike and 196 Street and meet at the park house.

For more information send an e-mail to: **Kitty Azhar, Event Coordinator** at greening.volunteers@gmail.com.

Cunningham Park It's My Park Day!

West Cunningham Park Civic Association is sponsoring a bulb planting and clean-up at Cunningham Park on **October 12th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

Participants will be meeting at the flagpole at the intersection on Union Turnpike and 193rd Street.

For more information call (917) 834-2035 or e-mail asiaticmythology@yahoo.com.



City of New York
Parks & Recreation

Save the Date!

Community Board 8 Business Forum

Thursday, November 21st

Where Government and Business

Walk hand in hand!



Friends

DEMOLITION NOTICE

- 166-21 67 Avenue (house and garage)



FLUSHING COMMUNITY GREEN JOB FAIR

When: Friday, October 4, 2013

Where: Historic St. George's Church
135-32 38 Avenue
Flushing, NY 11354

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Registration is required. Register for FREE at: <http://greenjobfair.eventbrite.com/>

For more information please e-mail info@oneflushing.com or call (646) 820-5163.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Transportation Committee Meeting 7:30 P.M. 197-15 Hillside Avenue	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike	10	11	12
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