



**September 2012**

## COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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### CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Honorable Mark S. Weprin  
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### 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

*There were no Community Board meetings held in July or August 2012.*

*The following items were inadvertently omitted from the Mid-Summer 2012 Newsletter from the June 13, 2012 Board Meeting:*

**BSA Calendar No. 104-12 BZ** – 179-19 Hillside Avenue – Re-instate and extend the term of the variance that permits accessory retail parking on the R5 portion of zoning lot. – Mark J. Lefkof, Area 7 Chairperson

Vote: 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

**BSA Calendar No. 51-06 BZ** – 188-02/22 Union Turnpike – To amend a previously granted variance to permit the extension of the physical culture establishment use on the ground floor of the building. – Mark J. Lefkof, Area 7 Chairperson

Vote: 35 in favor, 4 opposed, 0 abstained

\*\*\* 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, SEPTEMBER 12, 2012

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

*It takes more than City Hall to make New York City great, it takes us all, . . .*

*What can we do as residents to make our City great?*

*Here are a few suggestions . . .*

**If you are a business owner**, please join the Adopt-a-Basket Program and help Sanitation keep the City clean. Adopt the tree in front of your business, water it and plant flowers in the tree pit.

**If you are a resident**, please adopt a tree - water it during the hot days of summer and plant flowers around it. Check on the elderly in your neighborhood during the hot days of summer. Clean eighteen inches from your curbs and the curbs of your disabled neighbor too.

At the very least, please be a good neighbor and maintain your property.

**The Community Board 8 office is taking the lead and is adopting the center median on Hillside Avenue and 197th Street. Join us and make your contribution to the greatness of our beloved city.**

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)*

## **Kew Gardens Interchange Project Update**

The temporary trailers that have been placed on Park Drive East will remain until Fall 2013 due to budgetary concerns. This will save the state \$450,000. The Kew Loop building will be completed at that time and the trailers will then be permanently removed.

In light of the many complaints received regarding the Kew Gardens Hills Interchange project, the NYS Department of Transportation informed us they are working on a new website to keep the residents informed. This website will have a schedule of the work planned which will be updated regularly. The Community Board will post the information as soon as it becomes available.



### LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

- Hado Japanese Sushi, Inc., 138-40 86th Avenue, has applied for its ORIGINAL Wine and Beer License.
- CJ's Café Corp., 177-15 Union Turnpike, has applied for the renewal of its Wine and Beer License.
- Hapisgah, 147-23/25 Union Turnpike, has applied for the renewal of its Liquor, Wine and Beer License.
- Fillmore's Tavern, 166-02 65th Avenue, has applied for the renewal of its Liquor, Wine and Beer License.
- Café Muscat, 178-05/07 Union Turnpike, has applied for the renewal of its Wine and Beer License.
- Kissena Dominican Diner, 71-02 Kissena Boulevard, has applied for the renewal of its 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 September 2012:



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

#### 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 **September 2012**.

#### Parking meter regulations remain in effect.

- September 3 ..... Labor Day
- September 17 and 18 ..... Rosh Hashanah
- September 26 ..... Yom Kippur

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



#### IMMEDIATE Emergency Declaration

- 172-35 Henley Rd.



#### DEMOLITION Notice

- 86-18 Palo Alto St. (partial)
- 75-62 179 St.(garage)

#### BLOOD DRIVE

Date: Sunday, September 9, 2012  
Time: 2 - 8 p.m.  
Place: Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam  
188-15 McLaughlin Avenue  
Hollis, NY 11423



*The blood you donate gives someone another chance at life. One day that someone may be a close relative, a friend, a loved one - or even you.*

#### Taxi and Limousine Commission Base License

- No new/renewal applications were submitted.



Primary Day will not be held on the first Tuesday of September as it falls on the anniversary of September 11, 2001.

Primary Day will be on: **Thursday, September 13, 2012**

#### MTA INTRODUCES ... THE RELOAD CARD FOR E-Z PASS



The MTA Reload Card is specifically designed for those who want greater control over their cash. The card is a link that allows customers to put cash on an E-Z Pass account at thousands of retail locations in the New York City region.

Now customers can reload the amount that they want and when they want to, in a convenient location. The MTA arranged for a special lower price fees at preferred reload locations that are listed by zip code on the E-Z Pass website ([www.ezpassny.com](http://www.ezpassny.com)).

E-Z Pass On-the-Go, a pre-packaged and pre-paid tag (\$30), is available for purchase in the cash lanes at all MTA crossings.



*Citizens Committee for Children's (CCC) fall 2012 Youth Action NYC Community Leadership Course (YCLC) begins **October 15, 2012**.*

#### The application deadline is September 19, 2012.

CCC is a multi-issue child advocacy organization that seeks to ensure that every child is healthy, housed, educated and safe.

Every fall and spring, 25 high school students from throughout all five boroughs of New York City participate in CCC's Youth Action Community Leadership Course - an after-school program for high school students interested in learning the tools of effective advocacy and how to make positive changes in their community.

For more information, please visit [www.cccnewyork.org](http://www.cccnewyork.org)

#### A message from the NYPD's Office of Community Affairs.....

In the last 5 years over 900 people have been killed nationwide in drunk driving accidents on Labor Day weekend – almost 180 each and every year. Don't let the end of the summer be the end of your life! If you drink, never drive - and never get into a car with someone who has been drinking. Always designate a sober driver before you drink. If you see someone who has been drinking take their keys, call them a cab, and take a stand – friends don't let friends drive drunk!



## September 2012

### Community Board 8, Queens

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 Labor Day  Office Closed	4	5	6 	7	8
9	10	11 Never Forget 	12 Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike	13 Primary Day 	14	15
16 Begins at Sundown 	17 It's Citizenship Day! 	18	19	20	21	22  First Day of Autumn
23	24	25 Yom Kippur Begins at Sundown	26	27	28	29
30 Sukkot Begins at Sundown						