



April

COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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OFFICERS

CHAIRPERSON: Martha Taylor
1st VICE CHAIR: Michael Hannibal
2nd VICE CHAIR: Seymour Schwartz
3rd VICE CHAIR: Mary Maggio
EXEC. SECRETARY: vacant
TREASURER: Harbachan Singh
BUDGET DIRECTOR: Marc A. Haken

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Honorable Linda Lee - 23rd District
Honorable James Gennaro - 24th District

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Honorable Donovan Richards

STAFF

DISTRICT MANAGER: Marie Adam-Ovide
Jatnna Reyes, Community Associate

Community Board 8 welcomes four new members and welcomes back one of its past members "Delwar"!!!

BOARD MEMBERS BY AREA

Area 1 - Kew Gardens Hills

Mitch Lisker - CHAIR, Heather Bennett-Idels, Susan D. Cleary, Jennifer Martin, Yaniv Meirov, Rabbi Shlomo Nisanov, Simon Pelman and Jacob Weinberg

Area 2 - Briarwood

Seymour Schwartz - CHAIR, Solomon Davydov, Allen Eisenstein, John Gebhard, Wendy Gennaro, Elke Maerz, Mohammad Rahman, Charlton Rhee and Douglas Sherman

Area 3 - Hillcrest Estates & Jamaica Hills

Kevin Forrestal - CHAIR, Dilafroz Ahmed, Bhithara-Martha Fulton, Ahsan Habib, Mohammed "Delwar" Islam, Paul Lazauskas, Hersh Parekh and Frances Peterson

Area 4 - Flushing Heights, Flushing Suburban, Hillcrest

Vacant - CHAIR, Kenneth Cohen II, Steven Konigsberg, Dilip Nath and Dr. Penny M. Stern

Area 5 - Georgetown Mews, Pomonok, Electchester, Flushing

Mary Maggio - CHAIR, Neeta Jain, Deepti Sharma, Tamika Williams-Moore and Emanuel Yllescas.

Area 6 - Utopia, Fresh Meadows, West Cunningham Park

Maria DeInnocentis - CHAIR, James Gallagher, Tami Hirsch, Alan Ong, Tamara Osherov and Amy Tse.

Area 7 - Jamaica Estates & Holliswood

Howard Fried - CHAIR, Dr. Robert Block, Edward Chung, Marc A. Haken, Michael Hannibal, David Mordukhaev, Jesse Rosenbaum, Harbachan Singh, Martha Taylor and Mohammed Tohin.

April Showers Bring May Flowers!

March's Community Board Meeting Re-cap

- Public Hearing: ULURP-210128ZMQ - 77-39 Vleigh Place - This is a private application by VP Capital Holdings LLC, requesting a Zoning Map Amendment and Zoning Text Amendment to facilitate the development of a six-story mixed-used building including approximately 43,608 sq. ft. of commercial use and 10,433 sq. ft. of community facility use as well as approx. 80-90 residential units of which 25-30% will be permanently affordable pursuant to MIH in Kew Gardens Hills. The developers made a presentation to the Community Board and the audience at large. They heard the community concerns and are willing to make commitments that will be beneficial to both, the community and the developers. Marc A. Haken made a motion to approve ULURP No. 210128ZMQ - 77-39 Vleigh Place with the condition that developers incorporate using union labor for the development, seconded by Mary Maggio. A roll call vote was taken. Count in favor: 12 Opposed: 18 Abstained: 0 Minutes - The Minutes of the February 9, 2022, Board Meeting were unanimously approved by 31 members.

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Next Public Hearing/Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Link to our meetings are available on our website www.nyc.gov/queenscb8 .

A Word from the District Manager

Dear Resident,

Spring has sprung! During this season, you may notice increased building construction activities and landscaping activities. These activities should not disrupt our quality of life; therefore, these activities may only happen during certain times.

In a residential area, building construction is allowed between **7:00 a.m.** and **6:00 p.m.** on weekdays. At other times or during the weekend, an after-hours permit (aka variance) is required. Only one and two-family owner occupied dwellings may be perform weekend construction from **10:00 a.m.** to **4:00 p.m.**, except if located less than 300 feet from a house of worship.

Lawn care equipment may be used on weekdays from **8:00 a.m.** to **7:00 p.m. or until sunset**, whichever is later. On weekends, New York State and Federal Holidays, lawn care equipment may be used from **9:00 a.m.** to **6:00 p.m.** or until sunset, whichever is later. If a landscaping service is not abiding by these rules, please contact us by providing the name of the company, the days of the week and the location so we can arrange for an inspection. Please note - the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) must catch them in the act to issue a violation.

Please share this information with your friends and neighbors. **It takes more than City Hall to make New York City great, it takes us all!**

Sincerely,

Marie Adam-Ovide

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- **Committee Reports:**

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) – Ad Hoc Committee – Kevin Forrestal – A resolution was drafted regarding Governor Hochul’s Accessory Dwelling Units in New York State.

A hand vote was taken. Count in favor: 30 Opposed: 1 Abstained: 0

A separate letter was drafted to Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins and NYS Senators in opposition to the Amnesty Provision on Legalization of Illegal Dwellings in NYC. This letter was sent along with the resolution.

A hand vote was taken. Count in favor: 31 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

- **Committee Reports:**

Capital and Expense Budget Committee - Marc A. Haken, Committee Chair - The budget requests were submitted in the fall. The City provided responses to the budget requests. He reviewed the responses along with DM Adam-Ovide and a letter was drafted in response to the FY 2023 Preliminary Budget to be sent to the Mayor. The Capital & Expense Budget Committee also met and discussed the responses. *Several CB8 Members made corrections to the letter.*

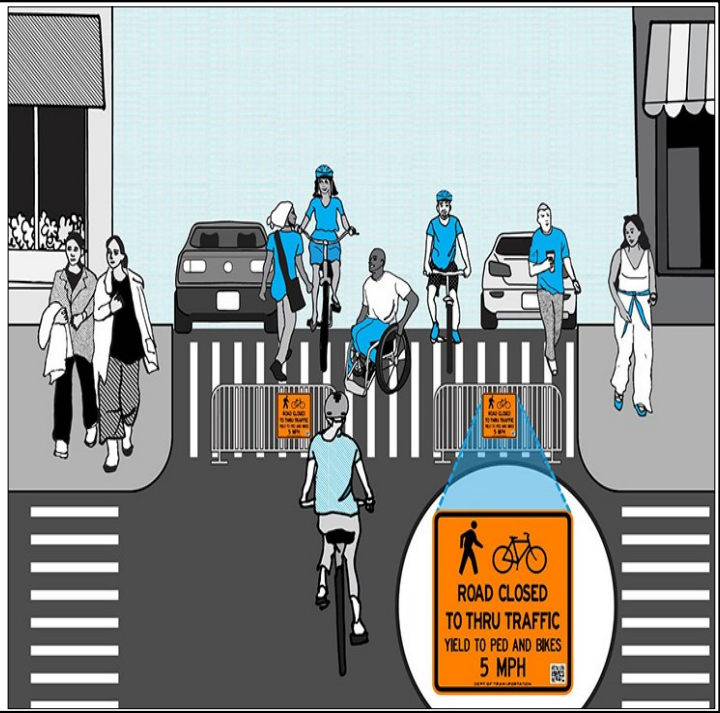
A motion was made to approve the response letter to be sent to the mayor as corrected.

A hand vote was taken. Count in favor: 31 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

OPEN STREETS!!!

An Open Streets location has been approved within our boundaries. The New York City's Open Streets program transforms streets into public space open to all. These transformations allow for range of activities that promote economic development, support schools, and provide new ways for New Yorkers to enjoy cultural programming and build community.

The Open Street will be located on 160th Street from 76th Road to 77th Avenue. It will operate Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feel free to contact our office in writing, if you have any comments about this Open Street proposal by **April 12, 2022**.



Special Passover Service/Chometz Burning Stations



- In front of the Congregation Chasam Sofer located at 141-50 70th Road
- In front of the Young Israel of Jamaica Estates located at 83-10 188th Street
- Young Israel of Queens Valley located at 141-55 77th Avenue (parking lot).
- In front of the Young Israel of Holliswood located at 86-25 Francis Lewis Boulevard

In addition, remember to place your garbage out the night before for the special collection.

The Holy Family/Bishop Ignatius Catanello Knights of Columbus Food for Families Program

For more information contact Grand Knight, Patrick Morrissey at:

[morissey73@yahoo.com](mailto:morrissey73@yahoo.com)



When: **Sunday, April 3, 2022** from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: **Church Parking Lot** located at 175-20 74th Avenue

Donations of canned and/or shelf stable food only.

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Did you know?

New State Consumer Debt Protection Laws Go into Effect in April. They Reduced Statute of Limitations on Debt Collectors From Six Years to Three Years

AG James Urges Consumers Who Believe They Are Victims of Improper Debt Collection Practices to File a Complaint With OAG

Limit Communications With Consumers. Debt collectors have for years had a duty under state and federal law to avoid harassing communications; the new regulations now add bright line rules to that general obligation:

- Debt collectors may not call consumers more than seven times in any seven-day period;
- After making contact with a consumer by phone, debt collectors must wait seven days before calling again;
- Debt collectors cannot call you between 9pm and 8am, local time;
- Debt collectors cannot contact consumers by any or all means of communication (email, text, phone, and so on), or at a consumer's workplace, if a consumer asks them not to;
- Debt collectors generally cannot contact consumers via work email address, public social media postings, or through third parties (though they may under some circumstances contact third parties to obtain information about a consumer's location).

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION
APRIL 22, 2022**

SYEP APPLICATION INFORMATION FOR SUMMER 2022



The graphic features a dark blue background with white and yellow text. On the left, it says '2022 @NYCYOUTH' in white, with '2022' in a larger font. Below that, 'Summer Youth Employment Program' is written in yellow. In the center, there are two small inset photos: one of a person in a red apron working in a kitchen, and another of a person wearing a face mask working at a computer. On the right side, the NYC Department of Youth & Community Development logo is shown, along with the 'WORKFORCE CONNECT' logo and the text 'NYC Youth Employment Programs'. At the bottom right, the website 'NYC.GOV/SYEP' and the phone number '1.800.246.4646' are listed in yellow.



LIQUOR LICENSE NOTIFICATIONS

- ◆ **P.G.S. Pizzeria Corp. - d/b/a Gaby's Pizza**
204-23 Hillside Avenue in Hollis
Renewal - Wine, Beer and Cider License Application

- ◆ **Futigi Sushi Asian Cuisine, Inc.**
164-04 69th Avenue in Fresh Meadows
Renewal - Full License Application

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.



Cunningham Park Farmers Market: Opening April 24th

CITY PARKING RULES

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



Holy Thursday.....Thurs., April 14th
 Good Friday.....Fri., April 15th
 PassoverSat., April 16th
 Holy Thursday (Orthodox)...Thurs., April 21st
 Good Friday (Orthodox).....Fri., April 22nd
 Passover (7th/8th day).....
 Thurs./Fri., April 21-22

Parking meters are still in effect.

DEMOLITION NOTICE



- 75-10 137th Street – Demolition (House)
- 75-10 137th Street – Demolition (Garage)

VACATE ORDER



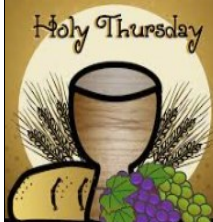


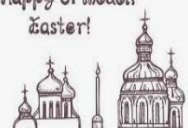

- 65-06 163rd Street - Illegal Cellar Apartment
Illegal Class A apartment. Inadequate means of egress. Inadequate natural light at cellar apartment boiler room adjacent to sleeping area.
Vacate dwelling by March 8, 2022



April is
AUTISM
Awareness Month!

April 2022

Community Board 8, Queens

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 PALM Sunday 	11 DEP/ Sanitation Committee Mtg. CB8 Virtual	12	13 CB8 Meeting Public Hearing Hillcrest J.C. 183-02 Union Tpke. 7:30 p.m.	14 Holy Thursday 	15  GOOD FRIDAY	16 Happy Passover
17 Happy Easter	18	19	20	21	22 	23
24 Happy Orthodox Easter! 	25	26	27	28 	29	30

“Think of it: a disability is usually defined in terms of what is missing . . . But autism . . . is as much about what is abundant as what is missing, an over-expression of the very traits that make our species unique.” – Paul Collins, Not Even Wrong: Adventures in Autism

P.S. All Jewish Holidays begin at sunset on the preceding night.