



January

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: Bhitihara– Martha Fulton
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
Sandra Aikens-Williams, Community Assistant

Help Wanted! (See Page 11)

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, Dilaafroz Ahmed, Bhitihara-Martha Fulton, Ahsan Habib, Mohammed “Delwar” Islam, Paul Lazauskas, Hersh Parekh and Frances Peterson

Area 4 – Flushing Heights, Flushing Suburban, Hillcrest

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

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 DeInnocentiis – CHAIR, James Gallagher, Tami Hirsch, Alan Ong, Tamara Osheroov 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.

*** Happy New Year! ***

September Community Board Public Hearing/Meeting (recap) 183-02 Union Turnpike Fresh Meadows

- The Minutes of November 9, 2022, Board Meeting were unanimously approved by 34 members.
- **Chairperson’s Report** - Chairperson Martha Taylor congratulated Board Member Seymour Schwartz who received an award from the Queens Civic Association Congress.

She announced that applications for board membership will be available on-line, at the Borough President’s website, beginning January 4, 2023, and closing February 15, 2023.

The Exodus contract is being terminated at the end of the year [2022] for transitional services at the Wyndham Hotel in Fresh Meadows. Housing Works will be the contractor for the next six months. The Board was copied on a letter to Mayor Eric Adams from our elected representatives requesting information about plans for the facility moving forward.

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Next Public Hearing/Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Minutes of Board Meetings are available *usually* within two weeks.

A Word from the District Manager

Dear Resident,

As scheduled, the Department of Sanitation has suspended the organics collection during the winter. Collection should resume in the Spring. Once we have an exact date, we will include it in a future CB8 Newsletter.

In the interim, food scraps and yard waste can be composted at a Smart Composting Bin or food scrap drop-off site near you. Please use the link below to find a site near you:

<https://www.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/site/services/food-scrap-and-yard-waste-page/nyc-food-scrap-drop-off-locations>

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

P.S.: Once again, I am encouraging you to sign up to receive our Newsletter via email. This will help us save on the cost of postage.

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Guest Speakers:

Honorable James Gennaro, City Councilmember:

Council Member Gennaro spoke about a bill banning criminal background checks for potential renters circulating the City Council. He suspects it will not pass.

The City Council passed a bill to help homeowners with financing backflow prevention devices and it awaits the Mayor's signature. He recommended that homeowners install these devices, to reduce water damage.

The Mayor's office has a stockpile of free COVID at-home tests. If you need these tests, you can contact Council Member Gennaro's office and arrange to get them.

He announced that he is working to bring Shomrim, a program that works with volunteers from the community to form neighborhood watch groups. This is to help reduce street crime. He plans to start this program in Kew Gardens Hills. He added that these volunteers will not be armed.

Deputy Inspector Kevin Chan, 107th Precinct

Deputy Inspector Chan spoke about a case where a resident tried to sell an expensive bag to a stranger from an online app. When she went to meet the individual she was robbed. He recommended that when using social media for selling or purchasing goods, residents should arrange to meet at the precinct.

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Stevie Feig, NYC Department of Transportation – Carshare Program

Carshare, a new program that provides on-demand, short-term access to a shared fleet of vehicles is being unveiled. Vehicle renters will access vehicles typically through a membership, with an hourly or annual fee. This program is designed to reduce greenhouse emissions. Three locations have been proposed for Community Board 8.

Committee Report - Executive Committee

- ◇ The members discussed support of Council Member James Gennaro’s letter to Governor Kathy Hochul requesting the addition of a “dangerousness standard” when it comes to bail reform. This would allow judges the authority to remand the most violent repeat offenders until trial.
- ◇ The Board discussed sending a letter to the Board of Standards and Appeals requesting that they halt all consideration of the variance for 80-74 188th Street in Jamaica Estates that was heard by the Board in October. This is pending the final disposition of a criminal case being heard at the United States District Court of the Eastern District of New York. Some of the owners are named in the lawsuit.

31 Yes

2 No

none Abstentions



Queens College to Hold On-the-Spot Admissions Days for Veterans and Active Military Service Members, as Well as Transfer Students, Wednesday, January 4, and Thursday, January 5, 2023

Flushing, New York, December 22, 2022—As part of Queens College’s continuing commitment to veterans and active military service members, it is offering instant admission to the Spring 2023 semester during on-the-spot admissions days by appointment on Wednesday, January 4, and Thursday, January 5, 2023, from 9:30 am to 4 pm, in the lobby of Jefferson Hall. Transfer students are also eligible. Appointments may be made by calling the Admissions office at (718) 997-5600. The college is closed on Friday, December 23; Monday, December 26; and Friday, December 30.

“The veterans and military personnel taking courses here bring an unrivaled level of academic excellence to our institution,” said Queens College President Frank H. Wu. “Their dedication to and sacrifice for our great country are inspirational and sustain our ideals. We take pride in the college consistently being designated as a military-friendly school and as a military-friendly spouse school and are committed to providing support to this community through specialized services such as our Veterans Support Services office.”

Before their visit, applicants must complete a CUNY application and pay an online application fee at: www.cuny.edu/apply. All official transcripts must be sent to QC by mail or via email to transcripts@qc.cuny.edu. Transcripts submitted in person must be in sealed envelopes. Applicants from non-CUNY colleges must bring official transcripts from all institutions they have attended. Veterans and military service members with military credits may submit their transcript to Joint Service Transcript at <https://jst.doded.mil/jst/>. Applicants should also bring their COVID-19 vaccination card, state ID, driver's license or passport to their appointment. CUNY students should have a Cleared4 pass ready to present at the main gate.

Queens College has a rich tradition of service in the military. It was estimated that 70 percent of the pioneer class of 1941 served our armed forces during World War II. A memorial to them and their service sits at the campus Quad as a constant reminder of their sacrifice. Our students and alumni have continued to serve proudly in the military throughout our 85-year history. For more information, applicants may visit the Admissions on the spot page at: <https://www.qc.cuny.edu/admissions/on-the-spot/>



Homeowners and Tenants Enrollment Event

Thursday, January 19th, 2023 | 4 PM - 8 PM



Assemblywoman
Nily Rozic



Commonpoint Queens Youth Opportunity Hub
82-41 Parsons Blvd, Flushing, NY 11355

RSVP: rozicn@nyassembly.gov | 718-820-0241

HOMEOWNERS

Apply for an exemption and lower your property tax bill.

- **STAR:** homeowners with an annual income of \$250,000 or less.
- **E-Star:** seniors age 65 and over with annual incomes of \$93,200 or less.
- **SCHE/DHE:** seniors age 65 and over, disabled homeowners with annual incomes of \$58,399 or less.
- **Veterans:** who served in the U.S. military during designated periods of conflict, their unmarried surviving spouse, and Gold Star parents.
- **Clergy:** for active and retired members of the clergy and their unmarried surviving spouse. Must be NYS resident.

To apply, please bring:

- Picture ID
- 2021/2022 tax returns or income documents for all owners
- DD214 or discharge papers (for veterans)
- Trust documents (if applicable)
- Clergy verification letter on official letterhead (clergy)

TENANTS

Seniors and people with disabilities:

apply for **SCRIE** or **DRIE** and keep your rent from increasing if you:

- Are at least 62 years old or 18 years old with a qualifying disability.
- Have a household income of \$50,000 or less.
- Live in a rent-regulated apartment.
- Spend more than 1/3 of your income on rent.

****NYCHA AND SECTION 8 RECIPIENTS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE****

To apply, please bring:

- Picture ID
- 2021 tax returns, W2, or 1099 statements
- Income documents for all household members
- Copies of your 2 most recent leases
- Social Security disability award letter (if applicable)



Donovan Richards Jr.
QUEENS BOROUGH PRESIDENT



Apply to Serve on Your Community Board

Looking for a way to serve your community? Borough President Donovan Richards, Jr. is now accepting applications from qualified, civic-minded individuals interested in sitting on one of Queens' 14 Community Boards, which play an important advisory role in considering land use and zoning matters, city delivery and more.

Apply at queensbp.org/communityboards

Deadline to apply: February 16, 2022



Office of the Queens Borough President 120-55 Queens Boulevard, Kew Gardens, NY 11424 | 718.286.3000 | queensbp.org



Christmas Tree Collection

DSNY will collect clean Christmas trees (and wreaths!) from **Friday, January 6, 2023** through **Saturday, January 14, 2023** — **weather permitting**.

Remember, Christmas trees and wreaths are collected separately from your trash and recycling. They are scouted at the curb to make efficient collection routes, so yours may not be picked up immediately.

Before your Christmas trees and wreaths can be collected, you **MUST**:

- Remove **ALL** lights, ornaments, tinsel, and stands. Remove stands from trees and metal frames and wires from wreaths.
- Make sure they are not wrapped in **ANY** plastic or placed inside a plastic bag.
- Leave them at the curb between the designated dates (January 6 - 14).

Trees and wreaths are chipped, mixed with leaves, and recycled into rich compost for NYC's parks, institutions, and community gardens.

Chipping Weekend - Cunningham Park

Saturday, Jan. 7 and Sunday, Jan. 8

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Bring your tree to a chipping site on Chipping Weekend to take home a tree-mento! We'll chip your tree and give you your very own bag of mulch to use in your backyard or to make a winter bed for a street tree.



NYPD

107th Precinct Community Council Meeting

71-01 Parsons Blvd.,
Flushing, NY, 11365

Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Carolann Foley, President

NYC Needs Emergency Snow Laborers!

Help to remove snow and ice from bus stops, step streets, and other locations throughout the city this winter.

Snow laborers will be paid \$17 per hour, and \$25.50 per hour after the first 40 hours worked in a week.

Interested? Schedule an appointment online to register as a snow laborer at one of these NYC DOT locations:

- **Bronx Yard:** Mosholu Avenue off Broadway (Van Cortlandt Park, across from Northwest Playground)
- **Flatbush Yard:** 2900 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn
- **Lower Manhattan:** 32 Robert Wagner Sr. Place, Manhattan
- **Long Island City:** 5-40 44th Drive, Queens
- **Kew Loop Yard:** 78-88 Park Drive East, Flushing, Queens
- **Harper Street Yard:** 32-11 Harper Street, Queens
- **Long Island City:** 42-00 Vernon Boulevard, Queens
- **Rosedale:** 139-09 Brookville Boulevard, Queens



Scan the QR code or visit nyc.gov/dot to schedule a registration appointment and get more information.



Community Board 8

Meeting Schedule for 2023

The Community Board 8's monthly meetings are usually held on the 2nd Wednesdays of the month at 7:30 p.m. sharp, unless the date falls on a religious or on a major holiday. The meetings are usually held in the auditorium of the Hillcrest Jewish Center located at **183-02 Union Turnpike** in Fresh Meadows.

Our meetings are open to the public. Anyone who wishes to speak may do so during the **Public Hearing** and/or **Public Participation** part of the meeting, provided that he/she signed up for speaking time (*preferably by calling the Community Board at 718-264-7895 no later than 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting*). The speaker will be granted up to three (3) minutes of speaking time. If you are not present when your name is called, you will not be allowed to speak.

January 11th	February 8th	March 15th <i>(3rd Wednesday)</i>	April 19th <i>(3rd Wednesday)</i>
May 10th	June 14th	July No meeting	August No meeting
September 13th	October 11th	November 15th <i>(3rd Wednesday)</i>	December 13th

Our guest speaker for our next meeting on

Wednesday, January 11, 2023 will be

Suzanne Windland of Services Now for Adult Persons (SNAP)



PROPOSED MTA SUBWAY SCHEDULED CHANGES FOR JUNE 2023

Attachment 1

Summary of Proposed Changes to Monday and Friday Headways

	Line	AM Peak Hour (8 - 9 am)		Midday (11am - 3pm)		Weekday Change in Trips
		Current Headway (min)	Proposed Headway (min)	Current Headway (min)	Proposed Headway (min)	
Monday	1	3.3	3.5	6.0	6.5	-8%
	6	3.0	3.2	4.0	4.1	-5%
	7	2.1	2.2	5.0	5.0	-4%
	E	4.3	4.6	7.3	7.5	-4%
	F	4.3	4.6	7.1	7.5	-6%
	L	3.0	3.3	4.7	4.9	-4%
	Q	6.0	6.7	8.0	8.3	-4%
Friday	1	3.3	3.8	6.0	6.0	-3%
	6	3.0	3.2	4.0	4.0	-5%
	7	2.1	2.2	5.0	5.0	-2%
	E	4.3	5.0	7.3	7.3	-5%
	F	4.3	5.0	7.1	7.1	-4%
	L	3.0	4.0	4.7	4.7	-5%
	Q	6.0	6.7	8.0	8.0	-4%

Summary of Proposed Changes in Weekend Scheduled Headways

Line	Saturday (10am - 6pm)				Sunday (10am - 6pm)			
	Current Headway (min)	Proposed			Current Headway (min)	Proposed		
		Headway (min)	Change in Trips	% Change in Trips		Headway (min)	Change in Trips	% Change in Trips
G	10.0	8.0	15	12%	10.0	8.3	13	12%
J	10.0	8.0	16	14%	11.3	9.3	10	9%
M	10.0	8.0	15	12%	11.3	9.3	9	8%



Did you know?



Snow and Ice Removal

Every owner, lessee, tenant, occupant, or other person having charge of any lot or building must clean snow and/or ice from the sidewalk after the snow has stopped falling. Snow may NOT be thrown into the street.

If the snow stops falling between:

- 7:00 a.m. and 4:49 p.m., it must be cleared within four hours;
- 5:00 p.m. and 8:59 p.m., it must be cleared within fourteen hours.

Example: If the snow stops falling at 7:00 p.m., the owner, lessee, tenant, occupant, or other person in charge of any lot or building has until 9:00 a.m. the following morning to clear the sidewalk.

- 9:00 p.m. and 6:59 a.m. It must be cleared by 11:00 a.m.

If the snow or ice becomes frozen so hard that it cannot be removed, the sidewalk may be strewn with ashes, sand, sawdust, or similar suitable material within the same time limits. The sidewalk must be thoroughly cleaned as soon as weather permits.

§16-123 Fine:

\$100 - \$150 for 1st Offense

\$150 - \$350 for 2nd Offense



LIQUOR LICENSE NOTIFICATION (S)

- None

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.



New Year's Day *.....Sun., January 1st
New Year's Day *(observed) ...Mon., January 2nd
Three Kings' DayFri., January 6th
MLK, Jr.'s Birthday.....Mon., January 16th

Parking meters are still in effect, except for
 *Major Legal Holidays.

DEMOLITION NOTICE



- 75-65 186th Street - Demolition
 (House & Garage)

Join Our Team!

We are looking for another Full-Time Community Assistant to join our team. We are looking for a candidate with excellent computer, communication, organizational, and writing skills. Knowledge of City Government is a plus!

Salary range: \$32,520 - \$42,191 (including full NYC Benefits)

Please send resume and cover letter via certified mail return receipt to:

Community Board 8 Q
 197-15 Hillside Avenue
 Hollis, NY 11423

Attention: District Manager Marie Adam-Ovide

Please go to our website for more information:

<https://www.nyc.gov/assets/queenscb8/downloads/pdf/job-postings/CB8Q-Job-Posting-Community-Assistant-November-2022.pdf>

Community Board 8Q and the City of New York are equal opportunity employers.

No telephone calls, please.



January 2023

Community Board 8, Queens

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>New Year's Day Observed We're Closed</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Executive Mtg. 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Ave</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Three King's Day</p> 	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Board Meeting Public Hearing 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>We're Closed</p>  <p>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Lunar New Year's Eve</p>
<p>22</p> 	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
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Tomorrow is the first page of a 365-day book. Write a good one.

- Brad Paisley