



January

COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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OFFICERS

CHAIRPERSON: Martha Taylor
DISTRICT MANAGER: Marie Adam-Ovide
1st VICE CHAIR: Stanley Weinblatt
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EXEC. SECRETARY: Carolyn Baker-Brown
TREASURER: Harbachan Singh

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Honorable Barry Grodenchik - 23rd District
Honorable Rory Laneman - 24th District

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Honorable Melinda Katz

STAFF

Jatnna Reyes, Community Associate
Izabela Szczepanska, Community Associate
Marleah DesRuisseaux, Community Associate (NEW)

BOARD MEMBERS BY AREA

Area 1 – Kew Gardens Hills

Dr. Allen J. Bennett – CHAIR, Susan D. Cleary, Florence Fisher, Joshua Glikman, Bright Limm, Mitch Lisker, Jennifer Martin, Rabbi Shlomo Nisanov, Simon Pelman and Jacob Weinberg

Area 2 – Briarwood

Seymour Schwartz - CHAIR, Carolyn Baker-Brown, Allen Eisenstein, John Gebhard, Elke Maerz, Charlton Rhee, Douglas Sherman and Albert Willingham

Area 3 - Hillcrest Estates & Jamaica Hill

Kevin Forrestal - CHAIR, Dilafroz Ahmed, Bhitihara-Martha Fulton, Fakrul "Delwar" Islam, Paul Lazauskas and Frances Peterson

Area 4 – Flushing Heights, Flushing Suburban, Hillcrest

Jagir Singh Bains—CHAIR, Kenneth Cohen II, Steven Konigsberg, Dilip Nath and Dr. Penny M. Stern

Area 5 – Georgetown Mews, Pomonok, Electchester, Flushing

Mary Maggio – CHAIR, Monica Corbett, Carolann Foley, Frank Magri, Rachele Van Arsdale 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

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

Happy New Year! Happy New Year! Happy New Year! Happy New Year!

Community Board 8, Queens

Hillcrest Jewish Center

183-02 Union Turnpike (Auditorium)
Fresh Meadows, NY 11366

- The Minutes of the November 14, 2018 Board Meeting were unanimously approved by 38 members.
- Chairperson Martha Taylor announced that Community Board 8 hired a new part-time employee, Marleah DesRuisseaux. She is a Queens College student and will be starting next week. She welcomed back Board Member Carolann Foley who was out for health reasons. She wished a Happy Birthday to District Manager Marie Adam-Ovide. She also wished everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

Zoning Committee Report - Steven Konigsberg, Zoning Committee Chair

BSA Cal No. 2018-164-BZ – 72-71 Kissena Boulevard:

A public hearing was held on November 28, 2018 to review an application by McDonald's for a Special Permit for an accessory drive-thru for a Use Group 6 eating and drinking establishment/restaurant.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion was passed unanimously.

In Favor: 38

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

- District Manager Marie Adam-Ovide announced that she printed her report on purple paper in remembrance of Jennifer Phillips Brosowski, former staff member who passed away in December five years ago.

Next Community Board 8 Meeting will be on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

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



Assembly Member
Nily Rozic

Homeowners & Tenants Enrollment Event

Sponsored by NYC Department of Finance, and Assembly Member Nily Rozic



HOMEOWNERS

Apply for an exemption and lower your property tax bill.

- **STAR:** homeowners with an annual income of \$500,000 or less.
- **E-Star:** seniors age 65 and over with annual incomes of \$86,300 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
- 2017/2018 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)

For more information, visit nyc.gov/finance



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
- 2017 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)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2019

1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Assembly Member District Office
159-16 Union Tpke, Flushing, NY 11366

For additional information, please call 718-820-0241

We're on social media, too!



If due to a disability you need an accommodation in order to apply for and receive a service, or to participate in a program offered by the Department of Finance, please contact the Disability Service Facilitator at nyc.gov/contactdofeeo or by calling 311.

Community Board 8 Meeting Schedule for 2019

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 major holiday. The meetings are 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 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 4:45 p.m. the day of the meeting*). The speaker will be granted up to 3 minutes of speaking time. If you are not present when your name is called, you will not be allowed to speak.

January 9th	February 13th	March 13th	April 10th
May 8th	June 19th <i>(3rd Wed.)</i>	July No meeting	August No meeting
September 11th	October 16th <i>(3rd Wed.)</i>	November 13th	December 11th

DSNY Night Plow

This is a reminder that the department of Sanitation started its winter schedule known as "Night Plow" on November 13, 2018. This is to ensure that enough staff is available to address snow and ice conditions for the winter. For efficiency, Sanitation Workers are assigned to garbage and recycling removal when there is no snow event. During that time, you may notice a change in the schedule for the removal of your trash and recycling.

Some residents often place their garbage and recycling on their way to work early in the morning and there is usually no issue during spring, summer and fall seasons. Doing so during the Night Plow Season may cause missed collections. To ensure the timely collection of your garbage and recycling, please do place them out the night before. Night Plow ends in mid-April.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you are experiencing any issues with your garbage and/or recycling collection Monday–Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., please contact us at 718-264-7895 or contact 311 during off hours.



*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???

NYC Foam Ban

Starting January 1, 2019, New York City stores and food-service businesses can no longer offer, sell or possess single-use foam food containers such as foam takeout clamshells, cups, plates, bowls and trays. Additionally, manufacturers and stores may no longer sell or offer for sale loose fill packaging (“packing peanuts”) in the city.

This law was enacted because single-use foam items were found to be not recyclable. These items are collected as trash in the city. There are many recyclable alternative packaging options including paper, plastic, aluminum and compostable products.

The ban begins January 1, 2019 and there will be a six-month grace period before fines will be imposed.

Small businesses with less than \$500,000 in gross income for the most recent tax year and non-profits may apply for hardship exemptions from the Department of Small Business Services (SBS) if they can prove that the purchase of alternative products not composed of EPS would create a financial hardship. For more information, visit www.nyc.gov/foamwaiver.

Who is Covered:

- For-profit or not-for-profit: food service establishments, mobile food commissaries, and stores that sell or use foam items
- Manufacturers and distributors of polystyrene foam packaging that are located or operate within any of the five boroughs of New York City.

What is Covered:

- Single-service foam items including cups, bowls, plates, takeout containers and trays
- Foam loose fill packaging, commonly known as “packing peanuts”

What is Not Covered:

- Foam containers used for prepackaged food that have been filled and sealed prior to receipt by the food service establishment, mobile food commissary, or store
- Foam containers used to store raw meat, pork, fish, seafood or poultry sold from a butcher case or similar appliance
- Foam blocks used as protective packaging in shipping

For more information, visit: www.nyc.gov/foamban.



State Senator Leroy Comrie

113-43 Farmers Boulevard
St. Albans, NY 11412
(718)454-0162

HEAP Services - application assistance is available every Tuesday in January from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please call and make an appointment.

Foreclosure Services - a foreclosure attorney is available every other Tuesday in January [8th & 22nd] from noon to 4:00 p.m.. If you are having difficulty with your mortgage payments, please do not wait until you receive foreclosure documents. Please contact Senator Leroy Comrie's office and make an appointment to learn about your rights and receive assistance.

Notice of Public Comment Period

Draft 2019-2020 Unified Planning Work Program

Public Comment Period ends Tuesday, January 22, 2019

The New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) announced a public comment period for the draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) proposed for the State Fiscal Year beginning April 1, 2019.

The UPWP is a federally-mandated product of NYMTC's planning process. It defines planning activities in NYMTC's planning area and identifies federal planning funds to conduct these activities. NYMTC's members will adopt the draft UPWP at their Annual Meeting in March 2019.

The draft SFY 2019-2020 UPWP document is available for download from the NYMTC website (www.NYMTC.org) along with an Executive Summary.

Comments can be submitted in writing or by email until January 22, 2019 to the following contact:

New York Metropolitan Transportation Council

Seitu Allen
25 Beaver St, 2nd Floor
New York, NY 10004
Seitu.Allen@dot.ny.gov

NYMTC will hold two online public webinars on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 to present the draft UPWP:

For the 12:00 p.m. presentation:

<https://bit.ly/2T2w46r>

Meeting Number: 640 854 052

Meeting Password: NYMTC123

For the 6:30 p.m. presentation:

<https://bit.ly/2EFXCLI>

Meeting Number: 641 749 926

Meeting Password: NYMTC123

The New York Metropolitan Transportation Council complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act and federal Limited English Proficiency guidelines. If you need special accommodations to participate in this meeting, or translation services into Spanish, Russian, Chinese or American Sign Language, please contact Andrea.Miles-Cole@dot.ny.gov within 72 hours of the meeting.

Department of Parks and Recreation's Tree Risk Management

As of July 1, 2017, NYC Parks launched a pilot program to better evaluate our trees based on the latest industry standards which are set by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA). Through applying their professional expertise in risk management, they address the conditions that present the highest risk to public safety and property before other work.

There are three steps taken to assess tree risk:

- 1) Likelihood of tree failure
- 2) Likelihood of impacting target
- 3) Consequences of impacting target.

You can expect the Forestry Unit to address the high-priority work before low-priority conditions (*i.e. a hanging limb that can fall and hurt someone would be addressed before a condition that poses less of a threat like a small dead tree*). You may notice that certain requests which have low risks take longer to address than in the past.

For more information, please go to:

www.nycgovparks.org/services/forestry/risk-management



NEW YORK WEEKEND WALKS

Weekend Walks are multi-block, multi-day events on commercial corridors that promote the use of streets as public space. NYCDOT provides limited funding to community based organizations to close commercial streets and program them to highlight NYC's unique neighborhoods and local businesses.

Business improvement districts, cultural organizations, local merchants associations and community groups can apply to host Weekend Walks. They create wonderful opportunities for New Yorkers to gather and see their neighborhoods in a new way.

In 2019, NYCDOT is embarking on the thirteenth season of Weekend Walks! If you are interested in hosting a Weekend Walks event, go to: nyc.gov/weekendwalks

What are the program requirements?

- Events must be on a recurring and predictable schedule
- Consecutive event dates are not permitted (e.g. Saturday 8/16 and Sunday 8/17)
- Must attend mandatory partner meeting in the spring or summer
- All events and programming should be open to the public
- Events must occur along primarily commercial corridors within the 5 boroughs
- Minimum length: 2 blocks, maximum length: 10 blocks
- Minimum number of days: 2, maximum number of days: 10
- Organized by community based organizations with strong ties to the neighborhood they are planning the event in

For questions send an email to: weekendwalks@dot.nyc.gov

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION (S)



- ◆ **Morley's Tavern, Inc.**
83-18 Parsons Boulevard in Jamaica, *Renewal application for full Liquor License*
- ◆ **Lucky 21 Convenience, Inc.**
192-21 Union Turnpike in Flushing, *Renewal of Beer and Cider License*
- ◆ **Nikko Hibachi Steakhouse & Bar Inc.**
177-21 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows, *Renewal application for full Liquor 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.

DEMOLITION/VACATE NOTICE



- 86-07 Kingston Place - Demolition (houses and garages).
- 86-11 Kingston Place - Demolition (houses and garages).
- 86-17 Kingston Place - Demolition (houses and garages).
- 75-65 179th Street - Demolition (garage only).
- 69-37 Utopia Parkway - Alteration 1 application for vertical & horizontal extension to an existing two story one-family home and to obtain new Certificate of Occupancy.

Vacate Order:

- 158-12 85th Avenue - (partial) Illegal apartment created at the cellar level contrary to Certificate of Occupancy.

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.....Tuesday, January 1st
Three Kings' Day.....Sunday, January 6th
Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday.....Monday, January 21st

Remember, parking meters are still in effect.

African American Heritage Committee 2019 Scholarship

Each year, scholarships are awarded to high school seniors pursuing post-secondary education. Applicants must be residents of Queens. The deadline to apply is **January 17, 2019** by 5 p.m. Apply online at:

www.queensbp.org/aahcscholarshipapp/

Scholarship awards will be issued at the **Queens Borough President Melinda Katz's** Black History Month Celebration on **Tuesday, February 26, 2019** at 6 p.m.

(Recipients will be notified by January 31, 2019)

MULCHFEST AT CUNNINGHAM PARK UNION TURNPIKE AND 196TH PLACE



Saturday, January 12, 2019 & Sunday, January 13, 2019

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



Bring your Christmas Tree to the park to be recycled into a mulch that will nourish plantings across the City! Bags will be provided if you want to bring some free mulch home. Please remember to remove all the trimmings before bringing the tree to the mulch site.



January 2019

Community Board 8, Queens



	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		 1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 CB8 Monthly Meeting 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest J.C. 183-02 Union Turnpike	10	11	12
13	14	15 Liquor License Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Avenue	16	17	18	19
20	21 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. <i>Day</i>  We're closed.	22	23 DEP/ Sanitation Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Avenue	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

"Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right." ~ Oprah Winfrey