



June

COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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CHAIRPERSON: Martha Taylor
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EXEC. SECRETARY: Bhitihara–Martha Fulton
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CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Honorable Sandra Ung - 20th District
Honorable Linda Lee - 23rd District
Honorable James Gennaro - 24th District

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Honorable Donovan Richards

STAFF

DISTRICT MANAGER: Marie Adam-Ovide
Soleil Griffin, Community Assistant
Nettie Norris, Community Assistant
Monet Hicks, Community Service Aide

BOARD MEMBERS BY AREA

Area 1 – Kew Gardens Hills

Mitch Lisker – CHAIR, Heather Bennett-Idels, Joshua Glikman, Jennifer Martin, Tobias Paris, Simon Pelman, Israel Peskowitz and Jacob Weinberg.

Area 2 – Briarwood

Seymour Schwartz – CHAIR, Allen Eisenstein, John Gebhard, Elke Maerz, Mohammad Rahman, and Douglas Sherman.

Area 3 – Hillcrest Estates & Jamaica Hill

Kevin Forrestal – CHAIR, Dilafroz Ahmed, Saaif Alam, Bhitihara-Martha Fulton, Wendy Gennaro, Ahsan Habib, Mohammed “Delwar” Islam, Hersh Parekh and Frances Peterson.

Area 4 – Flushing Heights, Flushing Suburban, Hillcrest

Dr. Penny M. Stern – CHAIR, Kenneth Cohen II, Marva Dudley and Dilip Nath.

Area 5 – Georgetown Mews, Pomonok, Electchester, Flushing

Mary Maggio – CHAIR, Neeta Jain, Jenna Citron Schwab and Deepti Sharma.

Area 6 – Utopia, Fresh Meadows, West Cunningham Park

Maria DeInnocentiis – CHAIR, James Gallagher, Caitlin Marziliano, Alan Ong, Tamara Osherov, Amy Tse and Steven Villaran.

Area 7 – Jamaica Estates & Holliswood

Howard Fried – CHAIR, Edward Chung, Michael Hannibal, Nikolas Michael, David Mordukhaev, Jesse Rosenbaum, Aliyah Salim, Harbachan Singh, Martha Taylor, Mohammed Tohin and Mayer Waxman.

Happy Father's Day

May’s Community Board 8 Public Hearing/Meeting

- The minutes of Wednesday, May 8, 2024, were unanimously approved by 43 members.
- **Chairperson’s Report:**

As a reminder, there is no heckling and/or clapping allowed during the Public Participation portion of the meeting. Community Board 8 Members are not to respond to members of the public following their public address.

Last month, one of our CB8 members questioned whether he was allowed to vote yes to approve the minutes of the meeting he did not attend. The answer is yes. This is according to Ann G. Macfarlane who is a Professional Registered Parliamentarian (Kevin Forrestal forwarded that information to us and Jesse).

We have hired a new employee for the Community Service Aide position. Her name is **Monet Hicks**. She resides within the district. She will start on Monday, May 20, 2024. She will be introduced to the full Board at the June 26, 2024 meeting. I am confident she will do well. I must say we have one of the best staff at CB8. The best in the world!

Congratulations to Wendy Gennaro. She has now been appointed Chair of the Human Services Committee. Congratulations to Hersh Parekh who has been appointed Chair of the Zoning Committee.

I approved and signed the District Manager’s Memo of Agreement at our last Executive Committee meeting. We will have our district manager serve for another year.

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Next Public Hearing/Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 26, 2024 (4th Wednesday)
Minutes of Board Meetings are available **usually** within two weeks on our website.

A Word from CB8...

Dear Resident,

Our office has been getting complaints about residents not cleaning up in front of their homes or improperly disposing of their trash and or recycling materials.

If you are unsure how to dispose of certain materials, please contact us during business hours or contact 311 outside of regular business hours. The information is also available online at:

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/dsny/>

Remember, there are fines associated with dirty yards, improper disposal of trash and recycling materials. They increase if the offense is repeated. Please cut and maintain the grass in front of your yard. Litter is more likely to get caught in the weeds and grass if your lawn is not maintained. Remember to also clean eighteen inches from the curb into the street. That goes for the commercial areas as well. We all want to work and/or live in a beautiful and clean community.

Sincerely,

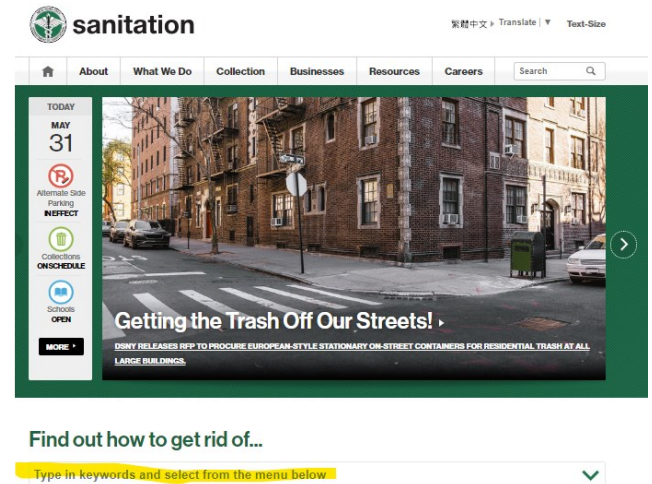
Marie Adam-Ovide

District Manager

Martha Taylor

Chairperson

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!**



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Shubhbra Datta - representing Borough President Donovan Richards

On behalf of the borough president, Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers. He announced several events scheduled for the month of May.

Please visit our website for more information or to RSVP at queensbp.org/rsvp

Captain Mo Tsang - NYPD 107th Precinct.

Captain Tsang announced the vigil to be held in honor of Detective Dillard.

Public Hearing:

Kevin Forrestal, Executive Committee

BSA Calendar 2023-64-BZ – Block 9702 Lot 10 - AKA 144-08 87th Avenue - Application to convert an existing building within an R4-1 district containing single room occupancy (SRO) use to a five-family residential building contrary to the use requirements of ZR §22-12.

37 Yes

6 No

0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

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Martha Taylor, Chairperson

BSA Calendar 179-02-BZ – Block 6831 Lot 1 - AKA 158-05 Union Turnpike – Special permit application pursuant to ZR73-243 to permit in a C1-3/R5D zoning district, a Use group 6, eating and drinking establishment (Starbucks) with an accessory drive-through facility

38 Yes 0 No 0 Abstentions

The motion passed unanimously with no abstention.

Rokeya Akhtar – representing District Attorney Melinda Katz

No Squatting in Queens

Some of you may have seen recent news reports about a homeowner fighting to regain access to her property from an alleged squatter here in Queens. The DA wants to assure homeowners that criminal charges will be pursued when you unlawfully occupy someone else's home.

You cannot enter a home without permission, stay without consent and later claim vested rights simply because the legitimate homeowner was either unaware or was unable to remove the illegal squatter for a total of 30 days. Property ownership is a fundamental right and the DA's office will not allow anyone to exploit certain laws for their personal gain at the expense of legitimate property owners.

Guest Speaker Paul Graziano – Urban Planner/City of Yes

Updates from last meeting: Hand outs were given out.

The Economic/Financial & Commercial Zoning portion of this proposal is with the City Council now. Serious negotiations are going on. Two thirds of the community boards voted the proposal down with no conditions.

The housing proposal at the state level for ADUs resulted in a pilot program created for Community Board 2. The 13 other boards in Queens are off the table. The Department of City Planning is coming back to CB8 in June for the City of Yes for Housing Opportunity. The boards will need to vote on this proposal by June 30th. There are 15 main components expounded on. The main takeaways were:

- The mayor's goal is to create 100,000 housing units in 15 years.
- 100,000 divided by 59 community boards = 1700 units per board.
- Divide 1700 by 15 years = approximately 120 units per year per board.
- Their goal is to go from 52,800 units to 108,000 units. We don't have a problem with that. We are already doing that.

These are market rate rentals displacing owner occupied housing. We have been in a permanent housing crisis since 1948. This is nothing new. They want to get rid of the homeowners so they can get the land to build on. That is the entire thrust of this proposal.

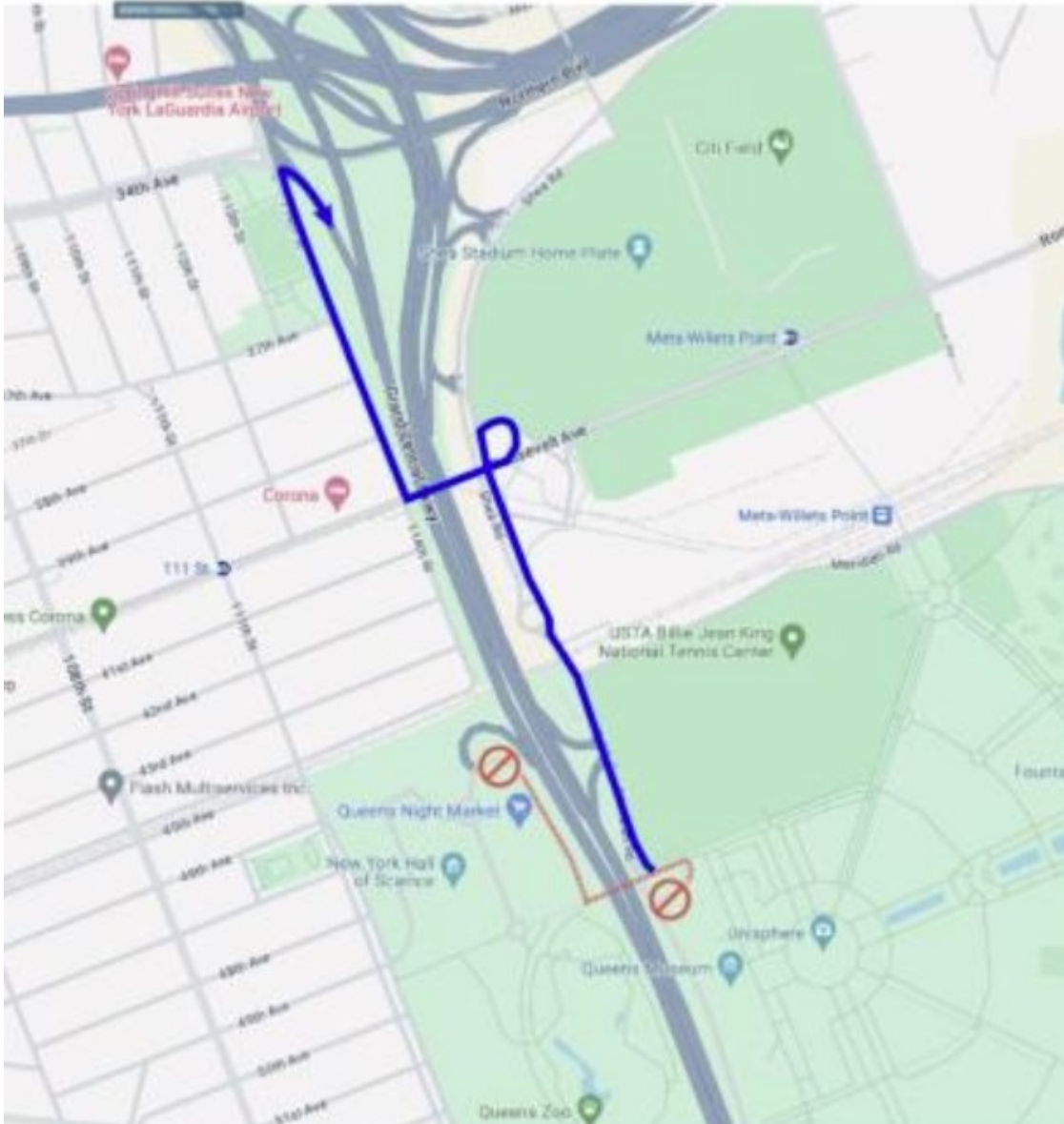
A Few Specific Goals:

- To re-introduce buildings with ground floor commercial and two to four stories of housing above.
- Allow modest, three-five story apartment buildings where they fit best: Large lots within half a mile of subway or rail stations that are on wide streets or corners.
- Permit accessory dwelling units such as backyard cottages, garage conversions and basement apartments.
- Allow buildings to add at least 20% more housing if the additional homes are permanent.
- Eliminate mandatory parking requirements for new buildings.
- Make it easier for underused nonresidential buildings, such as offices, to be converted into housing.
- Re-introduce housing with shared kitchens or other common facilities. Eliminate strict limits on studios and one-bedroom apartments.
- Make it easier to add new housing on large sites that have existing buildings on them and already have ample space to add more, (e.g., a church with an oversized parking lot).
- Allow narrow lots to achieve underlying Quality Housing heights in R7—R10 districts.
- Make it easier for landmarks to sell unused development rights by expanding transfer radius and simplifying procedure.

FLUSHING MEADOWS CORONA PARK (FMCP) MERIDIAN ROAD TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

The New York Hall of Science (NHSCI) will be hosting the Queens Night market again this year. In the past, due to insufficient parking availability drivers parked illegally which raised some public safety concerns. We were informed that concerns regarding parking arrangements have resurfaced in recent weeks.

Due to these concerns, the Department of Parks and Recreation working closely with NYPD, DOT, NYSCI and the Queens Night Market team have agreed close Meridian Road at the New York Avenue route to Eastbound Grand Central Parkway on Saturdays from 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. to accommodate the Queens Night Market. This is effective from May 18, 2024 through October 26, 2024.





PATROL BOROUGH QUEENS SOUTH
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SECTION



Classic Cars & Family Fun Day



SUNDAY SUMMER FUN DAY



SUNDAY, JUNE 23 12PM -4PM

AT QUEENS COLLEGE, MELBOURNE AVE & 150TH ST. ENTRANCE

LOTS OF EVENT TO ENJOY:

INFLATABLES, GAME TRUCKS, FOOD , ROCK WALL
COMMUNITY RESOURCES & MORE....

**INTERESTED VENDORS SCAN THE QR CODE
OR VISIT [HTTPS://REBRAND.LY/HOZ4ILH](https://rebrand.ly/hoz4ilh) TO
COMPLETE VENDOR REQUEST FORM**



SGT. FAISON (929)499-7413 ● PO MCCARTHY (917)704-6897 ● PO GORMAN(929)270-6439

Martha Taylor
Chairperson



Marie Adam-Ovide
District Manager

Join
Community Board 8, Queens
at
Cunningham Park
196th Place /Union Turnpike
for our

Eleventh Annual Health Fair
Friday, June 28, 2024
(Rain or Shine)

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

*Health Screenings,
Free Healthy & Nutritious Snacks,
Fun Activities for Children (Bounce House, etc.)
Local Government Representatives will be available.*

Win Fun Prizes and Get Freebies Galore!



Michael Hernandez

For more information call: 718-264-7895

This year, our Eleventh Annual Health Fair is being co-sponsored by the Friends of Cunningham Park &



**Council Member
Linda Lee**

Health Screenings

(i.e. Blood Pressure, Heart Screenings,



BMI screenings...)



Bouncy House



Financial Health Info



YOGA

Children



&

Adults

Alzheimer's Respite



“Learn to Meditate for Stress Relief”



**Healthy Pets
Animal Services Info**



Nutritionist



Kids Exercising for Fun



- **Emergency Preparedness**
- **Government Resources**
- **Refreshments!**



Lots of giveaways and much more....

Community Board 8 Meeting/Public Hearing

Please go to our website [10 days before the meeting] to find our Proposed Agenda for our next scheduled Public Hearing/Meeting for **Wednesday, June 26, 2024.**



City of Yes For Housing Opportunity - Public Hearing & Presentation by Scott Solomon of the Department of City Planning.

All monthly hearings/general board meetings are being held at the **Hillcrest Jewish Center**
183-02 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows.
Please enter through the parking lot.



FREE

RECYCLE YOUR E-WASTE

Saturday 06/08/24 10am – 2pm Rain or Shine

Avoid a fine: It's now illegal to discard electronics in the trash!

DROP OFF: Alley Athletic Playground, Parking lot
(Across from 79-25 Winchester Boulevard)

WE ACCEPT: Working & non-working computers, monitors, printers/scanners, keyboards, mice, cables, TVs, VCRs & DVD players, phones, audio/visual equipment, cell phones & PDA's

Hosted by Lower East Side Ecology Center
Co-hosted by Council Member Linda Lee,
State Senators Stavisky & Liu and Assembly Members Roaic & Braunstein

For more information:
lesecologycenter.org or 212.477.4022

The electronic waste collection program is made possible by:



FILING PERIOD
FOR THE
POLICE OFFICER
EXAM HAS BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL
JUNE 28th, 2024



REGISTER BY VISITING
NYPDRECRUIT.COM



**QUEENS STREET MAINTENANCE
RESURFACING SCHEDULE
JULY TO DECEMBER
2024**

BORO	TENTATIVE START DATE	ON STREET	FROM	TO	CB
Q	July/Aug	73 Ave	Main St	141 St	8
Q	July/Aug	150 St	Union Turnpike	73 Ave	8
Q	July/Aug	76 Rd	Parsons Blvd	Main St	8
Q	July/Aug	78 Ave	Parsons Blvd	Main St	8
Q	July/Aug	78 Rd	Main St	Parsons Blvd	8
Q	July/Aug	84 Dr	Parsons Blvd	151 St	8
Q	July/Aug	85 Ave	Parsons Blvd	150 St	8
Q	July/Aug	87 Rd	144 St	150 St	8
Q	July/Aug	87 Ave	Parsons Blvd	144 St	8
Q	July/Aug	Park Drive East	Union Turnpike	Jewel Ave	8
Q	July/Aug	80 Rd	188 St	Utopia Pkwy	8
Q	July/Aug	80 Dr	Utopia Pkwy	188 St	8
Q	July/Aug	Dumfries Pl	80 Dr	Kildare Rd	8
Q	July/Aug	Kildare Rd	Kent St	Utopia Pkwy	8
Q	July/Aug	Tryon Pl	Aberdeen Rd	80 Rd	8
Q	July/Aug	Doncaster Pl	Grand Central Parkway	Edgerton Rd	8
Q	July/Aug	Tudor Rd	Chevy Chase St	Grand Central Parkway	8
Q	July/Aug	Aberdeen Rd	Grand Central Parkway	188 St	8
Q	July/Aug	Haddon St	Aberdeen Rd	80 Dr	8
Q	July/Aug	Midland Parkway	188 St	Grand Central Parkway	8
Q	July/Aug	Radnor Rd	Grand Central Parkway	193 St	8
Q	July/Aug	Kent St	Union Tpke	Grand Central Parkway	8
Q	July/Aug	Avon Rd	193 St	Grand Central Parkway	8
Q	July/Aug	193 St	Union Tpke	Avon Rd	8

The above is the Tentative Department of Transportation's Resurfacing List for our community district. Regular resurfacing usually starts the first week of July and runs through August in our district.

It is important to note that it is a multi-part process. First the road will be milled, that is the removal of the top layer of the roadway first. Then a few weeks is allocated for the utility companies who may wish to do any type of work while the street is open.

This list was pre-vetted and shared with the utility companies long before milling. In most cases these companies have had a lot of time to review for conflicts or opportunities to schedule their work. This work may take a few weeks to complete. Once completed, the DOT's contractor will return to pave the roadway. If it is a major thoroughfare, they will subsequently return to apply markings on the road (i.e., lane markers, crosswalks, etc.).

Additionally, the agency posts their weekly resurfacing schedule on Friday afternoon for the following week on their website: <https://nycstreets.net/PavementWorks/Project/WeeklyResurfacingSchedule/Q>

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

Beware of Scams!

Homeowners in our community are receiving letters informing them that their homeowner's warranty has lapsed or is about to lapse. This letter directs them to call a telephone number on the letter. These homeowners have no such policies.

Please note this is not from your homeowner's insurance company.

If you are concerned about your homeowner's insurance policy, please refer to your homeowner's policy document and only contact the telephone number listed there.

Please do not share personal information (*account numbers, credit card information, bank information, etc.*) on the telephone with unknown entities.

Home Warranty Division
IMMEDIATE RESPONSE TO
THIS NOTICE REQUESTED

Notice Date: May 9, 2024
Contact Phone: 1-888-977-8978
Record ID: 130HR01540
Respond By: 5/30/2024

FINAL NOTICE

Call to verify the above information
Before the respond date expires!

Read below for more information
Record ID: 130HR01540

IMMEDIATE RESPONSE REQUESTED
ATTENTION: [REDACTED]

This letter is to inform you that the property's home warranty, at [REDACTED] JAMAICA, NY 11435-3129, may be expiring or may have already expired.

Our records indicate that you **HAVE NOT CONTACTED** us yet to get your Home Warranty up to date.

Without a home warranty in place, you are at risk of being financially liable for any and all repairs. However, you still may have time left to activate a Warranty on your home before it's too late. No inspection will be required and final acceptance is subject to your ability to meet eligibility requirements.

We reserve the right to revoke your eligibility for service coverage after 5 days.

Please call IMMEDIATELY as this will be our FINAL ATTEMPT TO NOTIFY YOU: 1-888-977-8978.

PLEASE RESPOND BY:
5/30/2024

PHONE:
1-888-977-8978

OPERATING HOURS:
Monday - Friday 7:00 am - 5:00 pm PST

THIS DOCUMENT HAS A COLORED PANTOGRAPH AND MICROPRINTING

Record ID: 130HR01540 Expiration Date: 05/30/24

Registration Fee Voucher

\$ 199.00

TO THE ORDER OF: [REDACTED] 6-2426
JAMAICA, NY 11435-3129

Signature required for redemption

Not all consumers have previous coverage. We are not affiliated with your current mortgage holder.
THIS IS NOT A CHECK.

CANNABIS/LIQUOR LICENSE NOTIFICATION (S)



SMA, Inc.
d/b/a John'sPizza
83-40 Parsons Boulevard in Jamaica
NEW - 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.*

CITY PARKING RULES

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



ShavuothWed./Thurs., June 12nd - 13th
Idul-Adha(Eid Al-Adba)..Wed./Thurs., June 17th - 18th
Juneteenth.....Wed., June 19th

*(Parking meters are still in effect.
* Except during major holidays)*

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE (S)



- 85-30 165th Street - Demolition- Garage Only
- 82-06 196th Street – Demolition

Fourth Annual

Great Books

Giveaway

* **Saturday**

June 8, 2024

Rain/Air Quality Date: June 15, 2024

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hilltop Village Cooperative #One, Inc.
(off the corner of Francis Lewis Blvd. and Foothill Ave.)
87-56 Francis Lewis Blvd.

CANNABIS/LIQUOR LICENSE

Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

7:30 p.m.

Community Board 8 Office

197-15 Hillside Avenue

Hollis, NY 11423

Please submit written testimony in support or against **new** Liquor License and/or Cannabis applications by the end of business day on **Friday, June 14, 2024**.

If you have complaints about illegal cannabis shops, please contact the Office of Cannabis Management at:

<https://cannabis.ny.gov/report-an-incident>

or call **1-888-OCM-5151** (1-888-626-5151).

June 2024

Community Board 8, Queens

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
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 HAPPY Father's Day Eid Al Adha	16	17	18	 Freedom Day JUNE TENTH JUNE 1978 We're closed	20	21	22
	Parks Cmte. Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Ave	Cannabis/ Liquor License Cmte. Mtg. 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Ave	Zoning Cmte. Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Ave				
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
		Primary Election 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Primary Election	Board Meeting Public Hearing 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest J.C. 183-02 Union Tpke Fresh Meadows		CB8 Annual Health Fair Cunningham Park 2 to 5 p.m.		
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"Any fool can have a child. That doesn't make you a father. It's the courage to raise a child that makes you a father." - Barack Obama