





## **COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER**

#### DISTRICT OFFICE

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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 Sandra Aikens-Williams, Community Assistant

## **BOARD MEMBERS BY AREA**

#### <u> Area 1 – Kew Gardens Hills</u>

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

#### <u> Area 2 – Briarwood</u>

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

#### <u> Area 3 – Hillcrest Estates & Jamaica Hills</u>

**Kevin Forrestal - CHAIR**, Dilafroz Ahmed, Ahsan Habib, Bhitihara-Martha Fulton, 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

<u>Area 5 – Georgetown Mews, Pomonok, Electchester, Flushing</u> 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 Osherov and Amy Tse.

#### <u> Area 7 – Jamaica Estates & Holliswood</u>

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



#### May's Community Board Meeting Re-cap 183-02 Union Turnpike Fresh Meadows

Chairperson Martha Taylor - Announcements

- FREE COVID-19 Testing Kits were provided to our Board by Assembly Member Rozic and State Senator John Liu. They were distributed to all who attended the meeting.
- Sinai Chapel has not closed. They sold the Fresh Meadows Building and re-located to Forest Hills. The phone number is still the same.

#### **Elected Officials' Announcements:**

<u>Honorable Council Member Linda Lee</u> – CM Lee along with other elected officials sent a letter to the Mayor requesting the end of the Wyndham Hotel's contract. Legislation was introduced to increase the penalty for excessive noise. Her office still has funds available for graffiti removal.

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Next Public Hearing/Meeting will be held on <u>Wednesday</u>, June 8, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. [Please see Public Hearing Notice on Page 6]

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

#### Dear Resident,

Due to the recent redistricting challenges in court, New York State will have two (2) **Primary Elections**. One will be in June and the other in August. Please make a plan to vote in both primaries.

#### June 28, 2022 Primary

- ♦ Governor
- ◊ Lieutenant Governor
- ♦ State Assembly
- ♦ Judges
- ◊ Party Positions (i.e. District Leader, State Committee, County Committee, etc.)

June 3, 2022 - Last day to register to vote for the June 28th Primary. June 18 –26 - Early Voting

### August 23, 2022 Primary

- U.S. House (Member of Congress)
- ♦ State Senate

July 29, 2022 - Last day to register to vote for the August 23rd Primary.

August 13 –21 - Early Voting Find your poll site and hours: VOTE.NYC or call 866-VOTE-NYC

Are you going out of town for any reason *(i.e. vacation, college, etc.)* around election time? Request an absentee ballot. We have absentee ballot applications and voter registration cards at the CB8 office, feel free to stop by and get one. Vote early! Life is unpredictable...and remember to bring friends and family members. Voting is a group activity.

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,

Martha Taylor

Chairperson

Marie Adam-Ovide

District Manager

## Report on the T-Building [82-41 Parsons Blvd. in Jamaica]

At its annual Lucy G. Moses Awards event held at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in Manhattan held on April 20, 2022, the New York Landmarks Conservancy presented its highest recognition and honor for outstanding restoration to the Martin Dunn Development Corporation of the T-Building located on the grounds of Queens



Hospital, and for the preservation of this outstanding Art Deco behemoth which has been given new life as a home for 200 families along with an 8,600 sq. ft. community center inspired by Community Board 8, Queens.

After eight long years of planning and efforts, Dunn Development began moving in tenants in the final week of April, while CommonPoint, the designated Administrator for Community Center plans to begin operations in early fall with an opening program to serve Queens residents of all ages.

Community Board 8's Chair of the T-Building Committee, Seymour Schwartz, was a guest at the proceedings in recognition of this board's collective efforts to make the realization of the project possible.

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Public Hearing: Proposed Addition to MS216Q – 64-20 175<sup>th</sup> Street/BBL-4-06903-1 – Marc A. Haken, Chair of the Youth, Education & Libraries Committee.

Jesse Rosenbaum made a motion to table the vote on the proposal of the proposed addition to M.S. 216Q until the School Construction Authority (SCA) is able to respond to the question that have been posed, seconded by Howard A. Fried. A roll call vote was taken.

Count in favor: <u>34</u> Opposed: <u>5</u> Abstained: 0

### \*Public Hearing items pending final vote from the April 13, 2022, Board Meeting/ Public Hearing:

Request for co-naming of 164<sup>th</sup> Place corner of Goethals Avenue as a tribute to late Detective Raymond Abear. He grew up on 164<sup>th</sup> Street.

Marc A. Haken made a motion to approve the street Co-Naming of 164<sup>th</sup> Place at Goethals Avenue as a tribute to late Detective Raymond Abear, seconded by Michael Hannibal.

A roll call vote was taken.

\*Count in favor: <u>37</u> Opposed: <u>0</u> Abstained: <u>0</u>

BSA Cal. No. 214-06-BZ – 196-23 Hillside Avenue/BBL 4-10509-265 – Marc A. Haken made a motion to approve BSA Cal. No. 214-06-BZ – 196-23 Hillside Avenue to extend the terms of a variance for 10 years, seconded by Wendy Gennaro.

A roll call vote was taken.

\*Count in favor:  $\underline{37}$  Opposed:  $\underline{0}$  Abstained:  $\underline{0}$ 

## Nominations: Kevin Forrestal – Chair of Nominating Committee

- Martha Taylor was re-nominated to serve as Chairperson
- Michael Hannibal was re-nominated to serve as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair
- Seymour Schwartz was re-nominated to serve as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair
- Mary Maggio was re-nominated to serve as 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chair
- Harbachan Singh was re-nominated to serve as Treasurer
- Bhitihara Martha-Fulton was nominated to serve as Executive Secretary

## **Committee Reports:**

**Health Minute** *with* **Dr. Penny Stern**, *Health Committee Chair* – Dr. Stern spoke about Hypertension also known as high blood pressure. About 116 million people in the U.S. have hypertension. This a huge risk factor for the development of cardiovascular disease. If you've been told that medication is indicated, take those medications as directed. Know your numbers and act accordingly! 107th Precinct Youth Coordination Officers Present: 2nd annual Achieving Success night:

# "Breaking Barriers"

# Tank.Sinatra

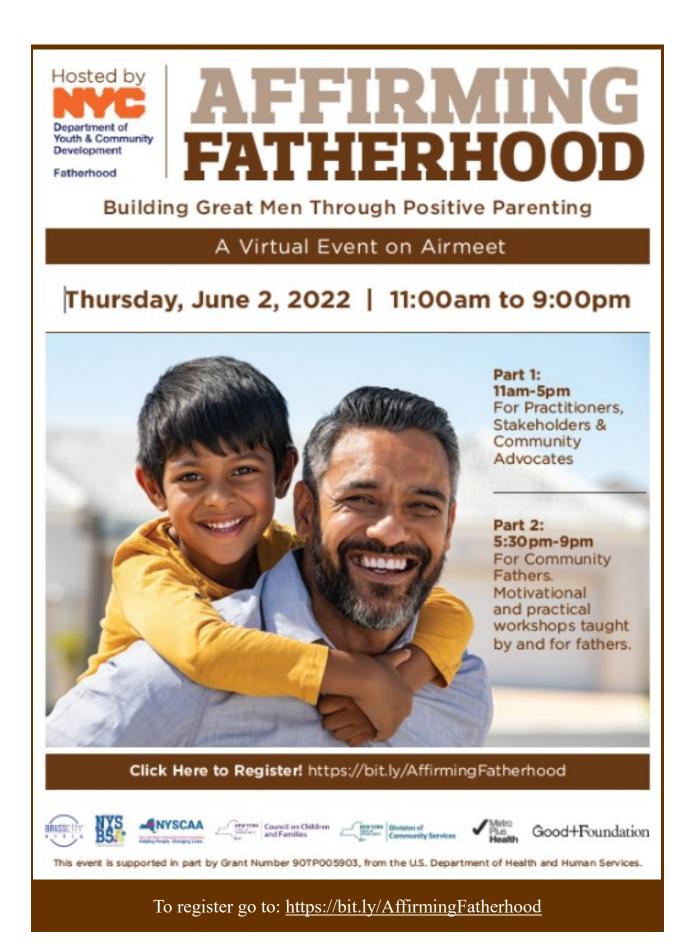
Instagram Personality known as Tank.sinatra
The most prolific meme creator on the internet
Creator of "Tanks Good News" & Influencers In the Wild"
Appearances on "Ellen" and "Rachael Ray"

Tank, known for generating memes and sharing them with his collective audience of over 10 million followers is the reason millions of people smile every day. He also launched the podcast 'Meme Daddies' and has reached instagram celebrity status through his creative use of memes. Come join one of Instagrams hottest influencers and learn his secrets of

success.

FRIDAY, June 3, 2022 7PM

The Rock Churches Worldwide 57-02 hoffman drive Elmhurst ny 11373



# Did yon know?

## June is Men's Health Month!

Here are five things that the men in your life should be encouraged to do according to the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Minority Health.



#1 - Protect his heart - Heart disease is the number one killer of men. Healthier food choices build a healthier heart.



#2 - Daily Exercise - Getting 30 minutes each day can help you live longer and healthier.



#3 - Preventive Maintenance - Regular Check-ups can catch small problems before they become big problems.



#4 - Quitting Time - Smoking causes cancer, heart disease, stroke and ...a greater risk of erectile dysfunction.



#5 - Are you good? - Life can be tough and thinking things through with a mental health professional can help.

Remember to wear **BLUE** on June 19th!

## PUBLIC HEARING - June 8, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

Hillcrest Jewish Center - Auditorium 183-02 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows

**BSA Cal. No. 340-47-BZ 72-09 Main Street -** This application seeks to extend the term for a period of ten (10) years, which expires on May 1, 2022, amend the resolution, and obtain a new certificate of occupancy. Amendment – This application also seeks to legalize five additional signs and text changes to previously-approved signs. Air pump has been installed at the intersection of Main Street and 72nd Ave for which they are asking legalization as well.

**ULURP No. 220414ZMQ – 79-18 164th Street Rezoning -** Request for a zoning map amendment to legalize the existing second-floor illegal, non-conforming medical laboratory on the Project Site (Block 6857, Lot 62) in Hillcrest. The zoning map amendment would rezone Block 6857, Lots part of (p/o) 61, p/o 62, 64, 65, 67, 69 and p/o 71 from an R4/C1-3 zoning district to an R4/C2-3 zoning district and Block 6857, Lots p/o 34, p/o 36, 51, 52, 53, p/o 61, and p/o 62 from an R5D/C1-3 zoning district to an R5D/C2-3 zoning district.

For speaking time, please contact our office at 718 264-7895 during normal business hours (Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and no later than 4 p.m. on the date of the hearing/meeting, for <u>up to three minutes</u> of speaking time. Do <u>specify</u> public hearing and/or regular speaking time which can be on any matter.



# LIQUOR LICENSE NOTIFICATIONS

 Tokyo Steak & Sushi, Inc. 184-14/16 Horace Harding Expressway Renewal - Full License Application

Any complaints about establishments with liquor licenses should be sent to Community Board 8 <u>in writing</u>. Unless a signed, <u>written</u> 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.



Shavuot ......Mon., June 6th Juneteeth (observed).....Mon., June 20th

Parking meters are still in effect.

## **DEMOLITION NOTICE**



• 72-11 137th Street - Demolition (Garage)

**REMINDER**- A Department of Buildings' permit is required for demolition. If demolition is underway without posted permits, contact us ASAP to file a complaint during regular business hours otherwise call 311 off hours - an exact address is required.

## Queens Borough President Events June 2022

**June 1, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.** Please Join the Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. and members of the Queens LGBTQIA+ community for a flag raising to commemorate Pride month 2022.

Location: Steps of Queens Borough Hall 120-55 Queens Blvd, Kew Gardens NY 11424

June 3, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. Please join the Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. in his first in person State of the Borough 2022, Please RSVP at: <u>https://forms.gle/191Nwkm1ct8VVYqy7</u>

Location: LaGuardia Performing Arts Center at LaGuardia Community College 31-10 Thomson Avenue, Long Island City, NY, 11101

June 13, 2022 at 6:00pm Join us for an evening of performances, trivia, food, and music while celebrating Diversity, Inclusion and LGBT+ Pride in Queens. Please RSVP at: queensbp.org/rsvp

Location: Helen Marshall Cultural Center at Queens Borough Hall, 120-55 Queens Blvd, Kew Gardens, NY 11424.



\*\*\* Please note - Jewish Holidays begin at sundown the night before.



"When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant, I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years." ~ Mark Twain