



March

COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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OFFICERS

CHAIRPERSON: Martha Taylor
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EXEC. SECRETARY: Bhitihara– Martha Fulton
TREASURER: Harbachan Singh
BUDGET DIRECTOR: Marc A. Haken

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Honorable Donovan Richards

STAFF

DISTRICT MANAGER: Marie Adam-Ovide
Sandra Aikens-Williams, Community Assistant

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, Dilafriz Ahmed, Bhitihara-Martha Fulton, Ahsan Habib, Mohammed “Dehwar” 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 Women History Month!

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

- The Minutes of the January 21, 2023, Board Meeting were unanimously approved by 39 members.

- **Chairperson’s Report:**

A full-time Community Assistant has been identified and is being processed. We are continuing our search for a part-timer. The position is for 21 hours, making the staffer eligible for city benefits.

The Comptroller’s office met with all the Board Managers of Queens, at the Borough President’s office. It was announced that there will be a routine oversight audit. They are required to conduct this audit every four years.

They will be conducting an audit of timekeeping, personnel practices, and purchase documents.

Board Member Harbachan Singh invited Community Board Members and Staff, to an Annual Black History Month Celebration at Borough Hall. Harbachan Singh and Marc Haken are the only non-African American members on the committee. We commend our Board Members for their commitment.

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Next Public Hearing/Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 15, 2023

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

A Word from the District Manager

Dear Resident,

The Department of Sanitation will have new set out time for garbage collection next month, starting on April 1, 2023.

Joseph Ottomanelli, Community Affairs Liaison, from the Department of Sanitation will be our guest speaker at our next Community Board 8's general meeting which is scheduled for March 15, 2023 at the Hillcrest Jewish Center at 7:30 p.m.. He will be explaining the new set out times for garbage placed in secured containers and garbage placed in trash bags.

We encourage you to attend to learn more. 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:

Denise Downing of Queens Public Library

She gave a presentation promoting a book mailing service to permanent or temporary homebound residents of New York State. The borrower is issued a library card for the mail at home service and the holder may borrow books, join a book club, speak with a librarian, or join arts and crafts groups. **Also**, there are opportunities to volunteer at the library.

Raida Hossain Queens Community Liaison Organ Donation for Live On NY

In conjunction with over 100 hospitals, they help to increase the organ donation rate in New York State. They work on behalf of residents within the 5 boroughs, Nassau County and Suffolk County. One organ donor can affect as many as eight lives. This number can increase to seventy-five when tissue donation is incorporated. Every major religion supports organ donation. A person considering donating can sign up as they register to vote or apply/renew a driver's license. Ability to pay is never a factor, for either the donor or recipient.

Committee Reports:

- **Capital and Expense Budget Committee Report - Harbachan Singh, Treasurer**

This committee drafted a proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2024 that was submitted in October. We met on February 6, 2023, to review and hear comments on the Mayor's Preliminary Budget. We received comments from the members and from the public. These comments were used in our drafted letter in response to the Mayor's Preliminary Budget. Treasurer Harbachan Singh commended District Manager Marie Adam-Ovide for her work on this.

All board members voted in favor. The motion carried.

- **Medical Minute by Dr. Penny Stern:**

February is recognized as American Heart Month. Heart failure is the leading cause of death for women. The American Heart Association has a "Go Red" campaign, it voices the need for a multi prong approach to women's healthcare. Cardiac failure is prevalent among working aged adults. In America, in every 34 seconds an adult dies of cardiac disease. Black adults are the most likely to suffer from heart conditions and their related health consequences. African Americans die [from heart failure] at a rate two times higher than Caucasian adults. A Million Hearts Initiative in collaboration with the CDC Foundation has a program, "Live To The Beat." This program supports participants taking meaningful steps to reduce the risk factors associated with heart disease including controlling, hypertension, high cholesterol, and high blood sugar.

NEW YORK FOUNDATION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS (NYFSC)

WELCOME TO HOME SHARING

A safe way to match older New Yorkers with housemates

WHAT IS HOME SHARING?

NYFSC's Home Sharing Program helps link adult "hosts" with extra private space in their homes or apartments with appropriate adult "guests" to share their space. Both Hosts and guests benefit from reduced housing costs and the possibility for companionship to offset the isolation and loneliness experienced to many living alone.

HOW DOES THE HOME SHARING PROGRAM WORK?

Through the QUICK-MATCH system and a staff of professional licensed social workers NYFSC determines compatible sharemates by evaluating their 31 lifestyle objectives. To facilitate potential hosts and guests in determining their compatibility the staff schedules and attends "match meeting."

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Either the host or the guest must be 60 or older; all participants must be 18 or older.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

**Visit: nyfsc.org, call (212) 962-7559 or dial 311
AND ASK ABOUT Home Sharing.**

They have homes in every borough, especially in Queens!

First Step

Next class: **March 13th- April 21st**
Sign up by March 9th!

A Free 6-week Job Training Program for Women Interested in Human Service Careers

- **Social Service Skills**
Stress Management
Conflict Resolution
Narcan Certificate
Empowerment
- **Computer Skills**
Google Suite
Salesforce
LinkedIn
Microsoft
- **Career Development**
Transferable Skills
Interview Prep
Cover Letters
Resumes

Requirements
18 or over
Live in NYC
Fully vaccinated
HS Diploma/GED
Identify as female
US work authorization

Scan or Call 
212-776-2074
For more info



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SUMMER ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM



WHAT IS IT?
A program that teaches you how to launch a startup idea. Along with other students, you'll come up with a startup idea, and work on bringing it to life!

WHY APPLY?
The program is a great way to meet new friends, learn about how to run a business, and gain more confidence. If you are interested in business, marketing, finance, or technology, this is the place for you. Plus, programs like this look great on college applications!

HOW DO I APPLY? 
Scan the QR code to apply.
Deadline: **Sunday, April 9, 2023 at 11:59PM ET.**



MTA to Perform CBTC Signal Installation Work on: E, F and R Lines in Queens Starting March 17, 2023

R *Trains Will Not Operate in Queens After 9:30 p.m.;* **E** *and* **F** *Trains Will Run Local to Accommodate R Customers* **F** *Trains to Run Local During Overnight Hours*

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) today announced that the next phase of Communications-Based Train Control (CBTC) signal installation work will begin on the Queens Boulevard East line.

The installation work will impact service on the **E**, **F** and **R** lines in Queens during the evening and overnight hours. Starting March 17, crews will ramp up installation work between the Union Turnpike-Kew Gardens and Jamaica-179 St stations which will require service changes on evenings and overnights seven days a week. During that time the **E**, **F** and **R** lines will have the following changes.

R Line to Forest Hills-71 Av, Queens, Ends Early All Nights

After 9:30 p.m. Queens-bound **R** trains will end at Queens Plaza. Queens-bound **E** and **F** trains will run local in Queens to accommodate **R** train customers. There is no change in Brooklyn-bound service. **R**

Queens-bound **E** Trains Run Local Earlier All Nights

After 9:30 p.m., Queens-bound **E** trains will run local from Queens Plaza to Forest Hills-71 Av, continuing to Jamaica Center. There is no change in Manhattan-bound **E** service.

Brooklyn-bound **F** Trains Run Local During Overnight Hours All Nights

After 9:30 p.m., Queens-bound **F** trains will run local from 36 St, Queens, to Forest Hills-71 Av, continuing to Jamaica-179 St.

Starting at about 10:45 p.m. Brooklyn-bound **F** trains from Jamaica-179 St will run local from Forest Hills – 71 Av to 36 St, Queens.

Customers are encouraged to sign up for the MTA Weekender, a weekly newsletter sent every Friday to inform customers of weekend service changes throughout the transit system. Customers can sign up at:

https://cloud.info.mta.org/weekend_update_subscription

For real-time service updates and information, customers can use the following options:

MYmta app – Customers who use the comprehensive MYmta smartphone app will see real-time travel information for all MTA services all in one place.

new.mta.info – The “Service Status” box at new.mta.info is always the definitive source for the latest status for each line.

Live Subway Map – The Live Subway Map shows the real-time position of trains, planned service changes at any given time, highlights accessible stations, and much more.

Twitter – Twitter users can follow @NYCTSubway for service updates and customer service support.

WhatsApp – Customers can chat with NYC Transit via WhatsApp. Riders can receive customer service support in their native language through the help of Google Translate.

For those who prefer to contact the MTA by telephone, information is available by dialing 511. Connecticut customers should call **877-690-5114**. Those who are deaf or hard of hearing can use their preferred service provider for the free 711 relay to reach the MTA at 511.

Assemblymember Daniel Rosenthal & Councilman James Gennaro

Present:



ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING

Date:

Sunday, March 26
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location:

Young Israel
of Kew Gardens Hills
70-11 150th Street



Assemblymember Rosenthal: 718-969-1508 | Councilman Gennaro: 718-217-4969

PARSONS COMMUNITY SCHOOL PRESENTS

FRIDAY FUN HOUSE

BI-WEEKLY EVENT

FOR ELEMENTARY PARTICIPANTS

6:30 PM - 8 PM

EVENT LOCATED AT PARSONS COMMUNITY SCHOOL
158-40 76TH RD, FLUSHING, NY 11366 INSIDE CAFETERIA

DYCD APPLICATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND

APPLICATIONS CAN BE COMPLETED ONLINE OR IN-PERSON

SCAN QR-CODE TO RSVP FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES:

- **MARCH 3RD** - BALL PIT, RAINBOW LOOM BRACELET STATION, POPIN COOKIN, MUSICAL CHAIRS AND IRL ROCKET LEAGUE
- **MARCH 17TH** - DIY BIRDHOUSE STATION, SLIME STATION, BALL PIT, LEGO KITCHEN AND SIMON SAYS
- **MARCH 31 ST** - CERAMIC PAINT STATION, BALL PIT, POPIN COOKIN, EMOJI BINGO AND GAME ROOM



SCAN HERE FOR ONLINE APPLICATION

FOR ELEMENTARY APPLICATION

CLICK: BEACON-ROBERT F. KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL

+ ADD TO LIST

FOR ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE EMAIL US AT

PARSONSCS@CHILDCENTERNY.ORG OR CALL OUR OFFICE AT 718-820-0760

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTIFICATION (S)



- Momi Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a Turquoise Restaurant
189-23 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows
Renewal - Wine, Beer and Cider Liquor License
- Fresh Meadows Apple, LLC d/b/a Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar
61-48 188th Street in Fresh Meadows
Renewal - Full Liquor 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.*

CITY PARKING RULES

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



Thurs. March 7thPurim

Parking meters are still in effect.

DEMOLITION NOTICE



CB8 did not receive any Demolition Notices.



ALLAN G. POPE, CPA, LLC

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February 27, 2023

Part Time Accounting Position

Allan G. Pope, CPA local firm, is looking for a part time employee to work in our office. This position offers a student the opportunity to obtain practical hands-on experience. Candidate should be an accounting student pursuing a bachelor's degree (at least second year). Responsibilities include: client write ups, bank reconciliations, sales taxes, knowledge of Quickbooks, spreadsheets/Excel.

Please email cover letter and resume to frontdesk@allangpopecpa.com or fax to 718 528-7723.



March 2023

Community Board 8, Queens

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Executive Mtg. 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Ave	2	3	4
5	6	7 	8	9 Public Safety Cmte. Mtg. 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Ave	10	11
12 Change your clock,  CHANGE your batteries	13	14	15 Board Meeting Public Hearing 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike	16	17 	18
19	20 	21	22 	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

“Champions keep playing until they get it right.” – Billie Jean King

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