



May

COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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OFFICERS

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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

**Community Board 8 Queens welcomes our
New Community Assistant
Sandra Aikens-Williams!**

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

Area 3 – Hillcrest Estates & Jamaica Hills

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

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 Osherov 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 Asian American & Pacific Islander Month! (See Pg. 6)

April's Community Board Meeting Re-cap

Only 23 Community Board 8 Members attended the April's meeting; therefore, there was not a quorum. **Official votes*** will be taken at the May 11, 2022 meeting when we have a quorum on all these agenda items.

Chairperson Martha Taylor - Announcements

- ◆ Chairperson Taylor welcomed our new Board Members: Neeta Jain, Yaniv Meirov, Mohammed Islam "Delwar", Amy Tse and Emanuel Yllescas.
- ◆ The Board has hired a full-time Community Assistant. Her name is Sandra Aikens-Williams. She resides in our district and will start on Monday, April 25, 2022. The part-time position is still open.
- ◆ Best wishes to Board Member John Gebhard who is recuperating. We expect to see him in May.

Public Hearing:

Co-Naming of 164th Place corner of Goethals Avenue - Area 3 Chair Kevin Forrestal - This co-naming is being done as a tribute to the late Detective Raymond Abear who grew up there. He worked for many years in the special victims police unit. He presumably contracted COVID while on duty and died. The co-naming received overwhelming support from the NYPD, FDNY and the community.

Next Public Hearing/Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Link to our meetings are available on our website www.nyc.gov/queenscb8 .

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

A Word from the District Manager

Dear Resident,

The Department of Transportation (DOT) started night resurfacing in locations within Community District 8. Some roads have been milled (*i.e. sections of 188th Street*) and have not yet been resurfaced. Here is why...

After the Department of Transportation mills a street for resurfacing, it remains as-is for about two or three weeks. This is to allow enough time for utility companies and other City agencies to do necessary road work prior to applying asphalt. Once the street is resurfaced there is an embargo on disturbing the roadway. Only emergency work can be done. Furthermore, there is a fee increase for work to be done during the embargo. This is to ensure that we benefit from a smooth driving surface for longer.

Starting in July, regular daytime resurfacing will start within our borders. Previously, we received a resurfacing list from the DOT in April. We are still awaiting the resurfacing list for our area. We hope to publish it in our June Newsletter before work begins and via email to our contact list. I encourage you to contact our office to request to be added to our email list.

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-Orsini

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Marc A. Haken made a motion to approve the street Co-Naming of 164th Place at Goethals Avenue as a tribute to late Detective Raymond Abear, seconded by Howard A. Fried.

A hand vote was taken. * Count in favor: 23 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

BSA Cal. No. 214-06-BZ – 196-23 Hillside Avenue/BBL 4-10509-265 – This is an application to extend the term of a variance, which expires on April 10, 2022, at the above referenced automotive station originally granted under BSA Cal. No. 673-53-BZ on February 23, 1995, in an R3-2 zoning district.

Presentation by Ms. Elyse Foladare from Eric Palatnik’s Office representing the applicant – They want to keep the gas station the same. They are proposing to add ADA ramps and more ADA compliance. It is a BP gas station. All the BP stations are upgrading to this change. This is the only amendment they are seeking.

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 Susan Cleary.

A hand vote was taken. * Count in favor: 23 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

Committee Reports:

Health Minute *with Dr. Penny Stern, Health Committee Chair* – Dr. Stern spoke about MRIs. She informed us that they have created a portable MRI machine. It can be moved around the hospital hallways, to the bedside of the patients so that they don’t have to be transported to the MRI room. **Prostate Cancer** – There is a new approach to treat this disease, especially men in advanced stages of the

disease who have not done well in standard treatments. The new treatment involves driving radiation, then directing it into a cancer cell while sparing the healthy tissue that's around it.
Sickle Cell Disease –There have been lots of treatment options over the years. They really have improved, including the use of bone marrow transplants which are complicated and dangerous.

Guest Speaker:

Richard David, Director of Regional Community Affairs - Con Edison – Mr. David spoke about the increase in Con Edison bills. He spoke about the reasons why the bills are being generated the way they are. There are three parts to a Con Edison bill: supply cost, delivery charge and surcharges plus taxes. Con Edison only benefits from the delivery charge. They have several programs that may help customers struggling with their bills. For more information, please visit their website at: www.coned.com.

Committee Reports:

Riker's Island Letter to Mayor Eric Adams – Kevin Forrestal, *Executive Committee Member* – A letter was drafted by Community Board 9Q (CB9Q) to the Mayor requesting reconsideration of the decision to close the Riker's Island Jail and building Borough Based Jails, especially in Kew Gardens. CB9Q supports an alternate proposal to rebuild Riker's Island. Mr. Forrestal asked that Board Members approve sending a letter supporting CB9Q.

A hand vote was taken. * Count in favor: 22 Opposed: 1 Abstained: 0

Members opposed: Susan Cleary



QUEENS PUBLIC LIBRARY

FRESH MEADOWS

**Fresh Meadows Library
will close starting
Monday, May 9, 2022 for
replacement of the roof and
HVAC system.
The library will be closed for
approximately 6 months.**

**We expect to reopen the library in
Fall 2022.**

Mobile library service will be provided on Saturdays from
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. starting May 4, 2022.



Things that hurt more than giving blood #71:

Class before 8am.



BLOOD DRIVE

York College

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

12:00PM – 6:00PM

Location: **Atrium**

94-20 Guy Brewer Blvd. Jamaica, NY 11451

To make an Appointments:

Scan the QR code above and input code **"07289"**

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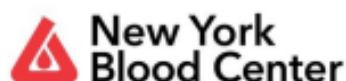


Appointments are preferred however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits.

Please remember to eat, drink and bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo.

Per CUNY: Masks recommended for all on campus

All visitors need to be fully vaccinated or have a negative COVID-19 (PCR) test from within the past seven days to present for entry.



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Did you know?

What's life like for Asian Americans? Get the facts.

During Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, which has been officially recognized every May since 1990, we reflect on Asian Americans' and Pacific Islanders' rich contributions to our country's history. These 12 facts offer a snapshot of life for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders today, based on available data from the Pew Research Center and the U.S. Census Bureau.

- * **7% of the U.S. population is Asian American, as of 2019.** This includes those who identify as Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander either alone or in combination with one or more other races.
- * **Hawaii is the state with the largest share of Asian Americans — 57% of Hawaiian residents are Asian American.** California follows with 17%.
- * **88% the growth of the Asian American population in the U.S. from 2000 to 2019.** This makes Asian Americans the fastest-growing racial or ethnic group in the country.
- * **The number of Asian American eligible voters more than doubled between 2000 to 2020.** In 2020, Asian Americans accounted for about 5% of the eligible voter population in the U.S. And they are the only major racial or ethnic group in which naturalized citizens represent a greater share of voters (67%) than U.S.-born citizens (33%).
- * **27% of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders live in multigenerational households.** In comparison, 19% of all Americans live in multigenerational households. A multigenerational household has at least two adult generations or grandparents and grandchildren younger than 25.
- * **7% of Asian Americans lived in poverty in 2019.** Overall, 11% of Americans lived in poverty in 2019.
- * **10% of U.S. businesses are owned by Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, as of 2018.** This includes 577,835 Asian-owned businesses and 6,653 owned by Americans of Pacific Islander and/or Native Hawaiian descent.
- * **66% of Asian Americans and 67% of Pacific Islanders aged 16 and older participated in the labor force in 2019.** This is about on par with the total U.S. labor force participation rate (64%). The labor force includes people who are either working or actively looking for work.
- * **56% of Asian Americans aged 25 and older have a bachelor's degree or higher, as of 2019.** By contrast, 18% of Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders have a bachelor's degree or higher, and 33% of all Americans are similarly educated.
- * **\$98,174 was the median income of an Asian American household in 2019.** In comparison, the median income for all U.S. households was \$68,703.
- * **36% of Asian American adults say religion is very important in their lives.** Whereas, 53% of all American adults say the same.
- * **45% of Asian American adults say they feel a sense of spiritual peace and well-being at least once a week.** In comparison, 59% of all American adults say the same.

Taken from: <https://www.livingfacts.org/en/articles/2021/facts-about-asian-americans-and-pacific-islanders>



LIQUOR LICENSE NOTIFICATIONS

- ◆ Almost Ezra Corporation - d/b/a Fuzi Pasta Co.
68-26 Fresh Meadow Lane in Fresh Meadows
NEW - Wine, Beer and Cider License Application
- ◆ Mama Kitchen NY Corp. - d/b/a Mama Kitchen NY
67-25 Main Street in Flushing
Renewal - Full License Application
- ◆ Sebalb Enterprises LLC - d/b/a Alba Pizza & Restaurant
137-65 Queens Boulevard in Briarwood
NEW - Wine, Beer and Cider 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.



Eid Al-Ftr.....Mon. - Wed, May 2nd - 4th
 Ascension.....Thurs, May, 26th
 Memorial Day.....Mon., May 30th

Parking meters are still in effect.

DEMOLITION NOTICE



- 184-16 Tudor Road – Demolition (House)
- 143-30 84th Road – Demolition (House)
- 71-20 165th Street – Demolition (House & 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.**

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SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022
AT 11:00 AM

Baseball Clinic in the following categories
 4-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and, 13-15 years

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 73rd Ave. & Francis Lewis Blvd., Queens, NY 11365

Info: 917-417-5121



May 2022

Community Board 8, Queens

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 	3	4	5	6	7
8 	9	10	11 CB8 Meeting <i>Public Hearing</i> Hillcrest J.C. 183-02 Union Tpke. <i>(in-person only)</i> 7:30 p.m.	12	13	14
15	16	17 Liquor License Comte. Mtg. <i>Virtual</i> 7:30 p.m.	18	19	20	21 
22	23	24	25	26 Ascension 	27	28
29	30 memorial DAY  We're closed!	31				

Ma-ma does everything for the baby, who responds by saying Da-da first."

~ Mignon McLaughlin