



May

COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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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: Bhitihara-Martha Fulton
TREASURER & BUDGET DIRECTOR: Harbachan Singh

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Honorable Donovan Richards

STAFF

DISTRICT MANAGER: Marie Adam-Ovide
Soleil Griffin, Community Assistant
Nettie Norris, Community Assistant

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 Gemmaro, 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 Mother's Day!

April's Community Board 8 Public Hearing/Meeting

The minutes of Wednesday, March 13, were approved by 31 members with 1 opposed.

Chairperson's Report:

Chairperson Taylor welcomed our new community board members. She extended her condolences to our staffer, Nettie Norris, whose aunt passed away this morning. She also acknowledged the CB8 staff members, Marie Adam-Ovide, Nettie Norris and Soleil Griffin, for doing an amazing job in the office. There was resounding applause from the audience.

Congratulations to former Board Member Rabbi Yaniv Meirov on the birth of his son. Congratulations to Board Member Heather Bennett-Idels' daughter on her wedding!

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.

As you know, our office is required to provide the attendance records of all board members to the Borough President's office. In addition to marking members present or absent, we are now required to alert them if board members are not attending meetings in their entirety. We were unable to hold our public hearing last month due to a lack of quorum. Members left before the public hearing. If you are absent for the vote, you will also be marked absent for the meeting.

Our guest speaker cancelled for tonight. A copy of his presentation will be emailed to everyone. If you need a hardcopy, please speak to the district manager.

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Next Public Hearing/Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Minutes of Board Meetings are available usually within two weeks on our website.

https://www.nyc.gov/queenscb8

## A Word from CB8...

Dear Resident,

In October 2023, with the help of community volunteers from the Jamaica Estates Association, CB8 staff and the Parks Department, we planted perennials (*Daffodils*) at the Kingford Triangle and at the Jamaica Estates Gate House.

They started blooming this spring. We look forward to seeing them bloom again next year. We are also thankful to Council Member James Gennaro for funding beautification in the district.

Sincerely,

*Marie Adam-Oside*

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!**

*Before*



*After*



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**Shubbhra Datta** – representing Borough President Donovan Richards

Welcomed the new board members. He informed them that if they have any questions, they should reach out to Kahleel Bragg, Director of Community Boards. The Borough President is hosting the State of the Borough event; however, the event is at capacity. If anyone would like to learn more information about future events, you can visit the Borough Presidents website.

**Jason Chen** – representing Department of Sanitation (DSNY)

DSNY initiative to have restaurants to secure the garbage in cans. The restaurants have been issued summonses starting on April 1st. The first fine is \$50, the second is \$100 and the third could go up to \$200.

**Nominations – Kevin Forrestal, Chair of the Nominating Committee**

Kevin Forrestal, Chair of the Nominating Committee, stated that the Executive Committee acting as a Nominating Committee nominated the following slate for CB 8Q officers in accordance with CB 8Q by-laws:

Chairperson – Martha Taylor, 1st Vice-Chair – Michael Hannibal, 2nd Vice-Chair – Seymour Schwartz, 3rd Vice-Chair – Mary Maggio, Treasurer – Harbachan Singh, Secretary - Bhitihara Fulton.

Committee Chair Forrestal opened nominations from the floor. Hearing none, nominations were closed. He stated that the elections will be held at May's general meeting.

**Capital & Expense Budget Committee – Harbachan Singh, Budget Director**

CB8 wrote a letter in response to Mayor Eric Adams Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2025. The letter requests that he gives consideration to the funding needs of the CB8 community.

32 Yes

0 No

0 Abstentions

The motion passed unanimously with no abstention.

**Health Minutes with Dr. Penny Stern**

April represents alcohol awareness month. Having a moderate amount could lower the risk of heart disease. A moderate number of drinks for women is one or less in a day. For men it is two drinks or less in a day. Women have less alcohol dehydrins and process alcohol differently than men. One drink equals to either a bottle or can of regular beer which is twelve ounces, a glass of wine which is five ounces, a shot of distilled spirits (i.e. gin, rum, vodka) which is five ounces. Alcohol has no nutritional benefits but has a lot of calories. Drinking too much can cause liver disease, heart disease, high blood pressure, several different kinds of depression, cancer, anxiety and stroke.





# Community Board 8 Meeting/Public Hearing

Please go to our website to find our Proposed Agenda  
<https://www.nyc.gov/assets/queenscb8/downloads/pdf/2024/Proposed-Agenda-May-8-2024.pdf>

for our next scheduled Public Hearing/Meeting for  
**Wednesday, May 8, 2024.**



**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. Public Hearing to be held in conjunction with CB8 meeting.

**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.

All monthly hearings/general board meetings start at 7:30 p.m.

They are held at the  
**Hillcrest Jewish Center**  
183-02 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows.  
Please enter through the parking lot.



**WEDNESDAYS IN MAY**

## **GET SUMMONSES CORRECTED**

**8:30 AM - 4:00 PM | DOB QUEENS OFFICE**

120-55 QUEENS BOULEVARD  
KEW GARDENS, NY, 11424



Get help resolving open summonses through the **Get Summonses Corrected (GSC)** campaign, a Department of Buildings' (DOB) enhanced education and outreach campaign developed to provide the public with needed information to successfully certify correction of unresolved summonses issued by DOB.

DOB's Administrative Enforcement Unit will be in the Queens borough office every Wednesday during the month of May to provide assistance to property owners and named respondents. **NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED!** When possible, same-day review will be conducted.

Visit [nyc.gov/aeu-coc](https://nyc.gov/aeu-coc) to learn more about certifying correction and [nyc.gov/dobevents](https://nyc.gov/dobevents) for more information on GSC events.





## Did you know?



### ABANDONED VEHICLES *with* LICENSE PLATES

The public street is for use by **all residents** even if it abuts your property. Please refrain from placing utility cones to “save a spot,” that is not allowed. Please refrain from storing/parking your vehicle on the street on the same spot in excess of seven (7) days. Vehicles must be moved to allow property owners and/or the Department of Sanitation access to sweep the street.

### REMINDER

The Department of Environmental Protection is required to clean every catch basin in New York City, at least once every three years. **It must also inspect and clean catch basins when a complaint is filed.**

Homeowners on the other hand are required to clean their sidewalks and eighteen inches onto the street. Within those eighteen (18) inches, if there is a metal grate covering a catch basin, please do sweep it to remove leaves or debris. If inside the basin appears dirty or clogged, please contact us at Community Board 8 during business hours to file a complaint.

Outside of normal business hours, please call 311. Do share the 311 reference number with us and we will follow-up with the agency to ensure that the basin is cleaned. This should help prevent some of the flooding in our area.





# CANNABIS/LIQUOR LICENSE NOTIFICATION (S)



**Ming's Asian Café, Inc.**  
138-38/40 86th Avenue in Briarwood  
**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.



Holy Thursday (*Orthodox*).....Tues., May 2nd  
Good Friday (*Orthodox*).....Fri., May 3rd  
Solemnity of the Ascension.....Thurs., May 9th  
Memorial Day\*.....Mon., May 27th  
*(Parking meters are still in effect.  
\* Except during major holidays)*

## CONSTRUCTION NOTICE (S)



- 75-03 195th Street – Demolition Garage Only
- 188-17 Palo Alto Avenue – Demolition

## **Cunningham Park Farmers Market**

**Sundays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**In the parking lot off Union Turnpike**

**April thru December**



**CunninghamParkFarmersMarket**

**downtoearthmarkets.com**



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## CANNABIS/LIQUOR LICENSE Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, May 21, 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, May 17, 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).**



# May 2024

## Community Board 8, Queens

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			<b>1</b> Executive Cmte. Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>  	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Board Meeting Public Hearing 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest J.C. 183-02 Union Tpke Fresh Meadows	<b>9</b> 	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Cannabis/ Liquor License Cmte. Mtg. 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Ave	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Transportation Cmte. Mtg. 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Ave	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  Lag B'Omer
<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b>  MEMORIAL DAY	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  Corpus Christi		

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

~ Mignon McLaughlin