



Mid-Summer

COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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DSNY Curbside Composting is returning to CB8 this fall. Stay tuned..

Meeting by Zoom Webinar

Held on June 9, 2021

The Minutes of the May 19, 2021 Board Meeting were unanimously approved by 43 members.

- Best wishes to Board Member Susan Cleary who is home recuperating from a back injury. We wish her well!
- Hillcrest Jewish Center is looking to have in-person meetings in September. We do not have an exact date yet. If they re-open before September 22, 2021, the Board will meet fully in-person at the center. Anyone with any questions, can contact the center directly
- We were joined by Commanding Officer Kevin Chan. 1st Vice Chair Michael Hannibal invited him to address the Board.
- **Commanding Officer Kevin Chan – 107th Precinct:** Commanding Officer Chan introduced himself and expressed his gratitude with Community Board 8. He is happy to be here and become part of the community. He was born and raised in New York City. He lives in Brooklyn with his wife and children since 2006. He is happy to join the family of the 107th Precinct. He's only been here for two weeks. He is learning the area quickly and is looking forward to working with all of us. He invited everyone to visit him at the Precinct anytime.

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Next Community Board 8 Meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 22, 2021** at 7:30 p.m.

Hillcrest Jewish Center located at 183-02 Union Turnpike (auditorium)

Minutes of Board Meetings are available on our website: www.nyc.gov/queenscb8 within two weeks.

A Word from the District Manager...

Dear Resident,

This is to inform you that the NYC DOT is currently developing the first NYC Streets Plan in response to Local Law 195. The five-year plan seeks to improve the safety, accessibility, and quality of the City's streets for all New Yorkers. It will involve an in-depth analysis of the current planning efforts and will set equitable and ambitious goals for the City's streets.

NYC DOT aims to equitably engage as many NYC residents as possible, including constituents from Community District 8 Public engagement efforts, including an online engagement platform and a series of virtual engagement workshops, will help NYC DOT understand the specific needs of your community members in regards to NYC streets and allow your constituents the opportunity to share what they would like to see included in the NYC Streets Plan.

For more information about the Plan, please visit, nyc.gov/nycstreetsplan.

Online engagement platform - The online engagement platform is now live and you may use this tool to provide valuable input regarding the NYC streets in which you live and frequent. Going beyond a traditional survey, the platform includes interactive activities, such as a mapping exercise, a budget allocation activity, as well as survey questions. Responses will help NYC DOT understand the specific needs of your community members in regards to NYC streets. Completing the online engagement tool should take no more than ten minutes. Please share the link below with your friends and neighbors.

Virtual Public Workshops - In the coming months, NYC DOT will also conduct a series of virtual public workshops across the City. Workshops will be offered on various dates and during different times in the schedule provided below. This will enable you to provide insights on the areas you know best and on the transportation issues that matter most to you.

You can stay up-to-date about the NYC Streets Plan by connecting with DOT through social media or by visiting, nyc.gov/nycstreetsplan (*see page 4*). DOT looks forward to hearing about your vision for NYC streets!

Sincerely,

Marie Adam-Ovide

P.S. If you would like an email version or to receive the **Newsletter earlier**, please contact us at 718-264-7895 and provide your email address. This information is also available on our website: www.nyc.gov/queenscb8.

Guest Speakers:

Scott Solomon, Department of City Planning: Mr. Solomon gave a presentation on the three Citywide Text Amendments that are up for review by the Community Board. Along with Ms. Lucille Songhai from the MTA, they gave an overview of the text amendments for Elevate Transit: Zoning for Accessibility (ZFA). Mr. Solomon proceeded with the Hotels and the Health & Fitness text amendments overview. After the presentation, Steven Konigsberg, Zoning Committee Chair called for a motion to approve each text amendment.

Elevate Transit: Zoning for Accessibility (ZFA)

The MTA and City Planning are proposing a citywide text amendment that will allow the MTA to work more efficiently with private developers to help achieve system-wide accessibility more quickly. The proposal includes a system-wide easement requirement and an expanded transit improvement bonus in high density (*mostly in R9/R10 districts/not applicable in CB8*). Their current accessibility status is 136 out of 493 subway stations are accessible. Twenty-five out of 39 LIRR and MNR stations within city limits in the MTA system are accessible. They are focusing on having ADA accessible stations that include many features to make stations readily accessible to, and usable by, individuals with disabilities. They are looking at vertical accessibility which focuses on having elevators at stations.

Count in favor: 37 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

Citywide Hotels Text Amendment

This is a text amendment that will create a new special permit for hotel development across the City. It is intended to create a consistent framework for hotels development and ensure that hotels do not negatively affect the surrounding area. The purpose and need are to ensure that there is a consistent zoning framework for new hotels that will support more predictable development.

Count in favor: 30 Opposed: 4 Abstained: 0

Health and Fitness Text Amendment

A BSA special permit is currently required to open and operate most exercise and health-related businesses, including gyms, spas, and licensed massage therapy. The Physical Culture or Health Establishment (PCE) special permit process is costly and lengthy, often requiring more than 6 months before a business receives a permit to open. Even with a special permit, gyms are not permitted along many local retail streets that allow compatible service and retail amenities. What is being proposed is removing the BSA special permits from all gyms, spas, and licensed massage therapy. Gyms and spas will be considered commercial uses that will be allowed as-of-right. Smaller gyms and spas, those that are less than 10,000 sq. ft. will be allowed in all commercial manufacturing districts including C1 districts where gyms are currently not allowed. Gyms and spas that are unlimited in size will be slightly more limited. They will be allowed in high density C1 districts as well as C2 districts, higher districts, and manufacturing districts.

Count in favor: 25 Opposed: 6 Abstained: 0

Committee Reports:

Health Minute with Dr. Penny Stern, Health Committee Chair

Dr. Penny Stern spoke about the rise of orthopedic complaints associated with spending unusual hours on the computer. As many people are still working from home due to the pandemic, they are experiencing more shoulder, lower back, and other types of pains. She gave tips on how to prevent tight muscles and loss of flexibility which can happen when you sit for prolonged periods of time.

No one knows your neighborhood better than you.

The City is developing the NYC Streets Plan, a 5-year plan to improve the safety, accessibility, and quality of New York City's streets for all New Yorkers.

We need your expert advice. Please scan the QR code with your mobile phone or visit nyc.gov/nycstreetsplan.



For additional information about this project, please contact nycstreetsplan@publicworkspartners.com or visit our website: nyc.gov/nycstreetsplan



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME 2021



Tuesday, August 3, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Electchester Shopping Center

Directly across from 158-11 Harry Van Arsdale Jr. Ave.

Join Us for:

Music | BBQ | Games | Free Flashlights | Entertainment





NY Project Hope: Coping with COVID-19

Program Goal

- NY Project Hope is the FEMA Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program (CCP) designed to help New Yorkers recover from the effects of the COVID-19 public health emergency and begin to rebuild their lives.
- The program assists individuals and communities recover from the effects of COVID-19 by linking them to free community resources via the provision of an emotional support helpline, local crisis counseling services, community-based outreach and psycho-educational services.

Brief Overview

- NY Project Hope CCP supports short-term interventions that assist individuals understand their current situation and reactions, mitigating stress, developing coping strategies, providing emotional support, and encouraging linkages with other individuals and agencies that help New Yorkers in their recovery process.
- NY Project Hope CCP is currently funded until June 15, 2021. The NYS Office of Mental Health is applying for a six-month extension, which would extend services until December 2021.

Services Included

- Trauma-informed counseling/care
- Individual crisis counseling
- Basic supportive or educational contact (psychoeducation)
- Group crisis counseling
- Public education
- Community networking and support
- Assessment, referral, and resource linkage
- Development and distribution of educational materials
- Media and public service announcements

Target Audience

Project Hope intends to reach NYC residents of all ages and backgrounds. Services are currently available in 18 languages. Crisis counselors serve priority neighborhoods with high COVID-19 infection and mortality rates as well as other neighborhoods throughout NYC. Services are free, confidential, and provided regardless of insurance status, ability to pay, or immigration status.

NY Project Hope will also offer services in over 200 NYC Department of Education elementary, middle and high schools. School-based services include individual crisis counseling services, group crisis counseling services, referrals, outreach and education.

How can community members access services?

- Telephone: Call 844-863-9314 to speak with an Emotional Support Helpline staff member who can connect you to a local crisis counselor.
- Website: Visit [NYProjectHope.org](https://www.nyprojecthope.org) and select 'Find a Provider Near You.'

Provider	Days of Operation	Hours of Operation	Dedicated Phone Line
<u>Association to Benefit Children (ABC)</u>	Monday to Friday	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	212-845 3827
<u>Bleuler Psychotherapy</u>	Monday to Sunday	8 a.m. to 10 p.m. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.	718-407-2458
<u>Bridging Access to Care</u>	Monday to Friday	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	929-201-5513
<u>Brooklyn Center for Psychotherapy, Inc.</u>	Monday to Friday	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	718-622-2000
<u>Catholic Charities Neighborhood Services (CCNS)</u>	Monday to Friday	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	929-268-3321
<u>Children of Promise NYC</u>	Monday to Friday	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	833-276-9254
<u>Community Association of Progressive Dominicans</u>	Monday to Saturday	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	718-478-7668
<u>Counseling in Schools</u>	Monday to Friday	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	929- 243-4373
<u>Haitian-American Community Coalition, Inc. (HCC)</u>	Monday to Sunday	8 a.m. to 10 p.m.	718-483-5102
<u>Hamilton-Madison House, Inc.</u>	Monday to Sunday	9 a.m. to 7 p.m.	212-720- 4590
<u>Henry Street Settlement</u>	Monday to Friday	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	347-493-2787
<u>Institute for Community Living (ICL)</u>	Monday to Friday	8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.	917-361-5782
<u>New Horizon Counseling Center</u>	Monday to Friday	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	855-818-4673
<u>Northside Center for Child Development, Inc.</u>	Monday to Friday	10 a.m. to 8 p.m.	646-329-7176
<u>OHEL Children's Home and Family Services</u>	Monday to Thursday Friday to Sunday	9 a.m. to 6 p.m. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	718-686-4673
<u>Partnership with Children, Inc.</u>	Monday to Friday	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	212-689-9500 ext. 314
<u>Project Hospitality</u>	Pending	Pending	Pending
<u>Riseboro Community Partnership</u>	Monday to Saturday	9 a.m. to 10 p.m.	833-416-0324
<u>United Community Centers, Inc.(UCC)</u>	Monday to Friday	9 a.m. to 8 p.m.	347-201-2208
<u>Vibrant Emotional Health</u>	Pending	Pending	Pending
<u>Voces Latinas</u>	Monday to Friday Saturday/Sunday	10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	917-434-6491

Think of...

400 showers running at once!

That is how much one open fire hydrant wastes each minute.



- **Open hydrants cause flooding and lower water pressure for fighting fires.**
- **The water pressure can push people—especially children—into traffic.**
- **To get a spray cap, contact your local fire house or call 311 for more information.**



Curbside Composting Sign-up is coming. Sign up!

Let us turn your food scraps and yard waste into compost and clean energy. Using your brown bin keeps your neighborhood clean, and helps fight climate change.

Make Compost, Not Trash.

Residents will need to sign-up for service starting the first week of August at:

nyc.gov/curbsidecomposting or by calling 311.

Collections in eligible community districts starts in October on a rolling basis based on the number of sign-ups. Service will expand each month as demand

To be notified when the curbside composting sign up form is available, register at nyc.gov/curbsidecomposting or call **311**.

We need you—this FREE service can't begin until enough residents in your neighborhood sign up.

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SUMMER WEEKEND TRACK WORK



This is notification of upcoming weekend track work on the J Train Line for the following summer weekends beginning 3:00 AM Saturdays until 10:00 PM Sundays. Service information including shuttle bus information is below. Please let me know if you have any questions and please share with your networks. There will be advance paper and digital signage up at all impacted stations and as always, customers can go to our Planned Service Changes page on the MTA website for further information:

<https://new.mta.info/planned-service-changes>

- July 24th - July 25th
- July 31 - August 1st
- August 7 - August 8th
- August 21 - August 22nd

No J trains between Broadway Junction and Jamaica Center

J trains run between Broad Street and Broadway Junction.

Southbound Free shuttle buses make stops between Broadway Junction and 121 St. and connect with the E at Jamaica-Van Wyck.

For service between Broadway Junction and 121 St., take a SB bus.

- Transfer between J trains and SB buses at Broadway Junction.

For Sutphin Blvd/Archer Av and Jamaica Center, take the E instead.

- Transfer between E trains and SB buses at Jamaica-Van Wyck.



Did you know?

§181.03 Spitting prohibited.

- (a) No person shall spit upon a sidewalk of a street or place, or on a floor, wall or stairway of any public or private building or premises used in common by the public, or in or on any public transportation facility.
- (b) The owner or person in charge of a public transportation facility shall permanently and conspicuously post in each such place a sufficient number of notices prohibiting spitting.

Public Spaces Covered by the Smoking Ban

Smoking and vaping is prohibited in the following areas:

- All New York City parks except median strips
- Beaches and boardwalks
- Public golf courses
- Sports stadia grounds
- Pedestrian plazas
- Gardens

Smoking continues to be prohibited in playgrounds, pools and inside stadia.

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION (S)



- ◆ **Wo Kee Noodle, Inc.**
168-12 Union Turnpike, Fresh Meadows - *Renewal of Beer, and Cider License (NEW)*
- ◆ **Aloha Krab of Hillside LLC**
204-13 Hillside Avenue, Hollis - *Full Liquor License (NEW)*
- ◆ **7228 Main Street LLC d/b/a Pier 26**
69-26/28 Main Street, Flushing - *Full Liquor License (NEW)*

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.

Block Party Permit Requests



NYC Health & Hospitals/Queens Farmer's Market
June 17, 2021 through November 24, 2021
(Thursdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.)
164th Street bet. Goethals Ave. & GCP

The above was approved by both CB8 and the
Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO).

DEMOLITION/EXCAVATION NOTICE



- **135-19 78th Road** - Full demolition
- **75-67 181st Street** - Demolition (garage only)
- **183-17 Dalny Road** - Demolition (garage only)

Partial Vacate - **61-64 Fresh Meadow Lane - 1R**
HPD order due to no second means of egress, no
hot water, fuel, and electricity. Dated May 18, 2021.

QUEENS PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

from Jonathan H. Chung



Queens Public Library's full reopening plan and mask policy. The Library had planned to make masks optional for fully vaccinated individuals starting July 6. However, in response to the rapidly evolving public health landscape and after reviewing new health and safety protocols adopted by the City, we will continue to require masks for all individuals in our locations for the foreseeable future.



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Community Board 8, Queens

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Those that don't got it, can't show it. Those that got it, can't hide it.

- Zora Neale Hurston