





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: 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 Dr. Penny M. Stern – CHAIR, Kenneth Cohen II, Steven Konigsberg and Dilip Nath.

<u>Area 5 – Georgetown Mews, Pomonok, Electchester, Flushing</u> Mary Maggio – CHAIR, Neeta Jain, Deepti Sharma, Tamika Williams-Moore and Emanuel Yllescas.

<u>Area 6 – Utopia, Fresh Meadows, West Cunningham Park</u> 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.

2nd Primary Election <u>Tuesday,</u> August 23, 2022 - GOTV

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

Chairperson Martha Taylor - Announcements

- Dr. Stern has been appointed as the new Area 4 Chair. Chairperson Taylor is certain that she will do an excellent job.
- Chairperson Taylor checked with the Borough President's Counsel; Community Board 8 is allowed to permit board members to vote at committee meetings they do not officially serve on. Chairperson Taylor has chosen not to permit this.

Welcome back to Board Member John Gebhard!

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Next Public Hearing/Meeting will be held on <u>Wednesday, September 14, 2022</u> at 7:30 p.m. Minutes of Board Meetings are available <u>usually</u> within two weeks.

NYC Department of Transportation

By Andrew Arcese, Borough Planner



On August 1, 2022, Speed Cameras will go into effect 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year. They previously were in effect Monday through Friday from 6 AM to 10 PM, year-round. NYC DOT has speed cameras placed within 750 school speed zones, which is considered by the legislation as within a quarter mile radius from a school.

Speeding is a leading cause of crashes in New York City, and speed cameras save lives. NYC DOT does not provide the locations of speed cameras. Speed limit signage exists on the approach to every speed camera to ensure drivers are aware of the speed limit for that section of roadway. Cameras are only triggered when the vehicle is going at <u>least 11 miles over the speed</u> <u>limit</u> and they are reviewed carefully by NYC DOT staff to make sure the right vehicle receives the violation.

The citywide speed limit by default is **25 MPH**. Even five more miles over the speed limit means that pedestrians are twice as likely to be seriously injured from a crash. The best way to ensure drivers do not receive a violation is to *just slow down*.

More info can be found here: <u>https://www1.nyc.gov/html/dot/downloads/pdf/speed-cameras-vision-zero-case-for-speed-cameras-24-7.pdf</u>

National Night Out Against Crime 2022

Tuesday, August 2, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Electchester Shopping Center

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

Join Us for:

Music | BBQ | Games | Entertainment

PRESENTED BY THE 107TH PRECINCT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ALL LABORS DONATED

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Public Hearing:

<u>72-09 Main Street – BSA Cal. No. 340-47-BZ – 7209</u>

This application seeks to extend the term for a period of ten (10) years, which expired on May 1, 2022, amend the resolution, and obtain a new Certificate of Occupancy.

Dilip Nath called for a motion to approve the BSA, seconded by **Alan Ong**. A roll call vote was taken.

Count in favor: <u>31</u> Opposed: <u>0</u> Abstained: <u>0</u>

79-18 164th Street Rezoning - ULURP No. 220414ZMQ

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.

An initial motion to approve the application as presented was made by **Harbachan Singh**. Seconded by: **Susan Cleary**.

Vote taken to force an amendment to Harbachan Singh's motion. 4 roll call note was taken

A roll call vote was taken.

Count in Favor: $\underline{21}$ Opposed: $\underline{9}$ Abstained: $\underline{0}$

Jesse Rosenbaum - made a motion to approve the application providing that the residential lots are carved out, so that the application only applies to existing commercial lots. Seconded by: **Maria DeInnocentiis.**

A roll call vote was taken.

Count in favor: <u>19</u> Opposed: <u>10</u> Abstained: <u>0</u>

Elections

Marc A. Haken – Mr. Haken asked that the Board first vote for the position of Board Secretary.

The vote was unanimous. Bhitihara Martha-Fulton was elected Secretary of CB8.

Since all the candidates for the other positions on the Board were also running unopposed, the new elected Secretary Bhitihara-Fulton was asked to cast one vote for the other positions:

- Martha Taylor was re-elected Chairperson of Community Board 8.
- Michael Hannibal was re-elected 1st Vice Chair of Community Board 8.
- Seymour Schwartz was re-elected 2nd Vice Chair of Community Board 8.
- Mary Maggio was re-elected 3rd Vice Chair of Community Board 8.
- Harbachan Singh was re-elected Treasurer of Community Board 8.

Health Minute:

Dr. Penny Stern, Health Committee Chair – Researchers have determined that multiple invaders double the risk of myeloma, by 75%. Use sunscreen, especially on your face. If you are going to be outside for any long length of time, apply sunscreen every two hours.



Friends of CUNNINGHAM PARK, Inc

Dedicated to maintaining Cunningham Park as the Premier Park of Northeast Queens

Shakespeare in the Park -7:30 p.m.

Much Ado About Nothing – August 2nd (new date) The Adventures of Pericles – August 18th (Rain Date – August 21st)

Just 60's Concert – 7:00 p.m.

August 11th - Rain date: August 15th

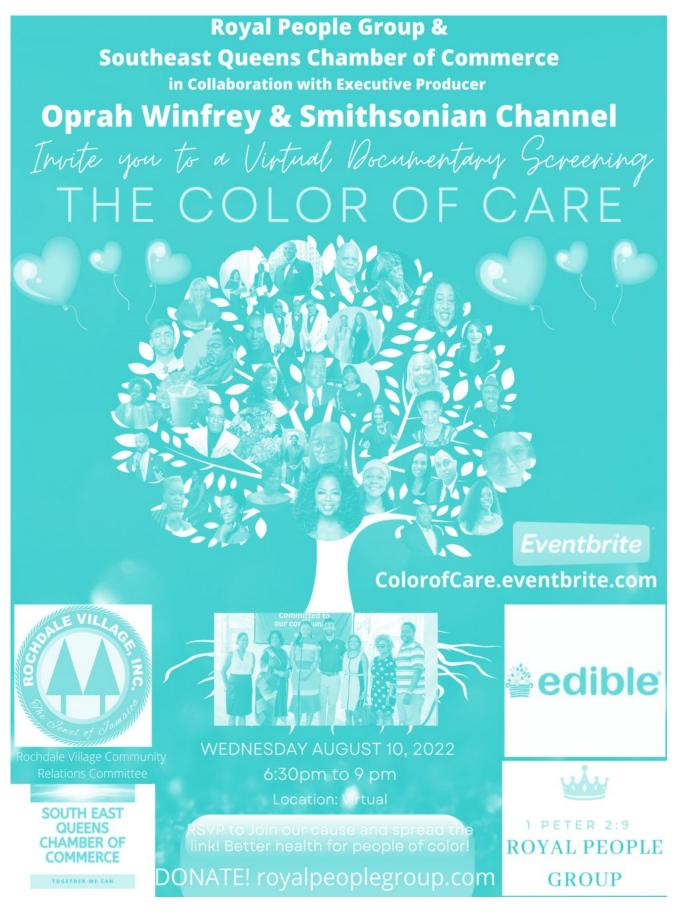
Movies Under the Stars – 8:00 p.m.:

Driving Miss Daisy ~ rated PG August 1st – Rain Date August 3rd

Sing 2 ~ rated PG August 8th – Rain date August 10th

Spider Man – rated PG13 August 16th – Rain date August 17th

Encanto – rated PG August 22nd – Rain date August 24th







As New York City Residents we must obey a gamut of regulations.

We realize that most residents want to do the right thing and obey the rules. However, they often break them, as they are **unaware** of their existence. So...

Did yon know?

Mixed Material

Yard sweepings, hedge cuttings, grass, leaves, earth, stones or bricks may not be mixed with household waste. Ashes and incinerator residue, refuse, and liquid waste must be separated and placed in separate receptacles. §16-120(b & c) FINE: \$100 - \$300

Voting in NYS - I.D. Requirements

Registered voters do not need to show ID to vote, unless they did not provide identification with their registration.

First time voters must provide identification either on or with their voter registration application. If you have not provided ID by Election Day, you are still allowed to vote by affidavit ballot, but not using the poll site scanner.

Acceptable ID includes entering one of the following on your Voter Registration Application:

- Driver's license number
- Non-driver's ID number
- Last four digits of your social security number

If you do not provide your driver's license number or the last four digits of your social security number on your registration form, you can include a copy of any of the following documentation with your registration application:

- Current and Valid Photo ID
- Current Utility Bill
- Bank Statement
- Government Check or Paycheck
- Government Document that shows name and address. Polls open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 9:00 p.m.





LIQUOR LICENSE NOTIFICATIONS

- Union Bistro NYC, Inc. 190-11/13 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows NEW- Full License Application
- FKNG, Inc.—d/b/a Mela's Café 71-02 Kissena Blvd. in Flushing 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.

REMINDER

- August 13 –21, 2022 Early Voting
- August 23, 2022 Primary
 - U.S. House (Member of Congress)
 - State Senate

Some poll sites may have changed since you last voted in June. Before you go out to vote, please inquire by contacting **VOTE.NYC or call 866-VOTE-NYC**.

https://findmypollsite.vote.nyc



"We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails." - Dolly Parton