



Mid-Summer

COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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Honorable Sandra Ung - 20th District
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BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Honorable Donovan Richards

STAFF

DISTRICT MANAGER: Marie Adam-Ovide
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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.

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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, Saif Alam, Bhitihara-Martha Fulton, Wendy Gennaro, 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.

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Mary Maggio – CHAIR, Neeta Jain, Jenna Citron Schwab and Deepti Sharma.

Area 6 – Utopia, Fresh Meadows, West Cunningham Park

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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 Summer!

June’s Community Board 8 Public Hearing/Meeting Recap

- The minutes of Wednesday, May 8, 2024, were unanimously approved by 43 members.

- **Chairperson’s Report:**

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.

Several CB8 Members did not turn in their Committee Selection Forms by the deadline in May. Some were kept on the same committees they served on last year and others have been reassigned to ensure that all committees have enough members. The district manager emailed you a copy today. If you need a hard copy, please let her know.

Our office received a telephone call from Lucille Songhai of the MTA informing us that the elevator construction for the Parsons Boulevard on the F line and the Briarwood station elevator have been put on hold. They will no longer start construction this fall due to Governor Hochul’s decision to halt Congestion pricing.

Regrettably, the employee that we hired for the Community Service Aide position had to resign due to a family emergency. We wish her well and our search continues to complete our team.

Bhitihara had a Parks Committee Meeting last week. I invite her to give us a very brief report.

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Next Public Hearing/Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 Minutes of Board Meetings are available *usually* within two weeks on our website.

A Word from CB8...

Dear Resident,

We have a total of 49 CB8 members. We welcome both new and returning members. Below is a photo of our diverse Community Board 8 Members for 2024-2025 taken at the last meeting on June 26, 2024. Our meetings are usually on the third Wednesday. Regrettably, some members were unable to attend the meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

We would also like to thank all those who attended and those who provided services to our community at our Eleventh Annual Health Fair held on Friday, June 28, 2024. We had the most perfect weather and over two dozen vendors [see list on Page 10].

We look forward to an even bigger and better event on June 27, 2025. Please save the date!

Sincerely,

Marie Adam-Osida

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!**



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Parks Committee Report - Bhitihara Fulton, Committee Chair

On Monday, June 17, the Community Board 8 Parks Committee met with Anthony Sama, Administrator of Flushing Meadow Corona Park and the design team under James Mituzas and others for a presentation called Destination Greenways and the FMCP Meadow Lake Creek Connections to the Greenways.

Destination Greenways connect FMCP, Kissena, Cunningham and Alley Pond Parks via walkways and bike trails through each park. Some parts exist and other segments will be new. The segment under review is located near Meadow Lake Promenade and Meridian Road and was designed by Quennell Rothschild and Partners with mayoral funding of \$3.9M established in FY 2023. The project size is 7 acres and the total length of the Greenways is 13 miles.

The design team and associates held numerous in person meetings, pop-up events and Zoom meetings to connect with over 500 people in local communities to set the priorities for the Greenway. Safety with protected bike lanes, slower traffic and separate pedestrian paths with connectivity to other parks, drainage and way finding were the top priorities. The need to deal with flooding, drainage and related plantings was addressed. Bike repair stations and lighting along the way are a priority in the plans.

A tremendous amount of work went into this 7-acre project and the plans show the way for continued improvements along the Greenway. This is a boon to all the communities adjacent to these parks. The members of the Parks Committee approved this plan and concurred with sending a letter of support to the Parks Department about this segment of the Queens Greenways.

Shubhbra Datta – representing Borough President Donovan Richards

The Borough President's supportive stance on the City of Yes as it relates to the housing portion of the plan is that the city is currently facing a housing and homelessness crisis, and the only way out of this these crises is to build. The City of Yes plan, he believes, would allow us to do just that, and grow our affordable housing stock in a way that is sensible and not dramatically out of character for communities. He is also a major supporter of legalizing ADUs (*basement apartments*) and bringing them into compliance, which was brought to the forefront after a dozen Queens residents drowned in their apartments during Ida in 2021. However, he disagrees with the segment of the plan that would allow for garage conversions.

Assemblywoman Nily Rozic, Guest Speaker

I passed two very important bills this past session in Albany. The first in the nation dealing with legislation for the New York Child Data Protection Act. The second bill is the SAFE For Kids Act, which focuses on the Algorithms developed by social media companies. [Please visit our website at www.assembly.state.ny.us/mem/nily-rozic for more detailed information.](http://www.assembly.state.ny.us/mem/nily-rozic)

Senator John Liu and I sponsored a bill, S6409A/A6901, to extend the green roof tax abatement program in New York City. The Senator, environmental advocates and I gathered at the famed Queens Botanical Garden green roof to call on Governor Hochul to sign the bill before it expires on June 30th. Please visit our website at www.assembly.state.ny.us/mem/nily-rozic for more detailed information.

I am opposed to the City of Yes proposal!

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Presentation by Scott Solomon, Senior Borough Planner, Department of City Planning (hard copies were distributed)

The NYC Department of City Planning is proposing a citywide zoning text amendment to the New York City Zoning Resolution (ZR) to enable more housing and wider variety of housing types in all neighborhoods citywide, from the lowest density to the highest, to address the housing shortage and high cost of housing in New York City.

Key goals to take away from the presentation:

- Provide New Yorkers with more housing options and more housing types
- Reduce pressure on gentrifying areas
- Build more housing and affordable housing in high-demand area
- Provide flexibility for single and two-family homeowners
- Boost New York City's economy by creating new jobs and easing housing costs
- Create more climate-friendly, transit-adjacent housing

Heather Bennett-Idels made the motion to approve the City of Yes for Housing Opportunity proposal and Maria DeInnocentiis seconded the motion.

0 Yes 39 No 1 Abstention *[for cause]* **The motion failed.**

Health Minutes with Dr. Stern:

Men's Health Month is observed each June to remind everyone of the health issues faced by men and boys, raise awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys. Did you know that men, on average, die almost five years earlier than women? Part of the reason is that men are more reluctant to go to the doctor! These are some of the tests and screenings that men should know about:

- Blood pressure testing
- Colorectal Cancer screening
- Cholesterol screening
- Dental exams
- Diabetes mellitus, type2 screening
- Eye exams
- Lung Cancer screening for current and former smokers
- Bone density testing – yes men can become osteoporotic, although it is not as common as among women.
- Prostate exams
- Skin Cancer screening
- Testicular exams

It's important for men and those who care about them, to brush up on health facts and get regular checkups. Remember to listen to your bodies! Even if you don't feel sick, it is important to schedule annual exams. Not only will you live longer, but you'll also enhance your quality of life.

NYC Department of Finance SCAM Warning

The Department of Finance is aware of a scam targeting people about parking tickets or camera violations.

People are receiving messages advising them that they have “additional charges” on an “unpaid parking invoice.”

This is a scam. The Department of Finance does not send text messages to vehicle owners about their parking tickets or camera violations.

Customers should take the following steps to protect themselves:

1. Ignore and delete the message. Do not click any links. Visit the [Department of Finance’s website](#) to review and pay valid parking tickets and camera violations. Report the scam to your bank or credit card company as needed. You can also report attempted fraud to the [Federal Trade Commission](#) and the FBI’s [Internet Crime Complaint Center](#).

Additionally, here are some tips for how New Yorkers can stay vigilant against scams:

- Be suspicious of unsolicited texts or emails from individuals seeking personal information, especially if they claim it's an urgent request.
- If you believe you are being targeted by a social engineering attack:
 - o Verify the company or individual contacting you.
 - o Do not click on links or phone numbers in the message and never provide personal information or passwords.
- If you think you are a victim of social engineering attack, contact the relevant account providers, and monitor your account activity, and change any passwords you may have provided.
- To help better protect your phone and personal information, download the City's free NYC Secure app in the Apple or Google App store. Please share this information with customers who contact you regarding this matter. If you have questions about outstanding parking tickets you may have, please call 311.

Sincerely,

NYC Department of Finance



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- September 10, 2024
– December 19, 2024
- 215 hours
- Tues, Wed, Thurs
4:30pm - 9:30pm
- Tuition is \$2,496
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Partnership for Parks NEWS!

On Wednesday, July 10, 2024 Partnership for Parks launched the 2024 Fall NYC Green Fund Grassroots grant program, which seeks to support an equitable and resilient network of parks and open spaces to benefit the well-being of all New Yorkers.

Community Based Organizations are encouraged to submit an application and/or sharing this opportunity with your networks and grassroots leaders via newsletters, social media, etc. The application deadline is **August 16, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. ET.**

You can find more information on our website including our full Program Guidelines, a list of FAQs (available in English and Spanish), and links to register for our weekly public Info Sessions here: <https://cityparksfoundation.org/grants-more/>

We hope you will share this opportunity widely, and we look forward to helping you activate your local, public open spaces.



Changes are coming to outdoor dining in NYC As a restaurant owner, here is what you need to know:

Important Dates:



- March 2024: Restaurants can apply online.
- August 3, 2024: Deadline for restaurants with temporary outdoor dining setups to apply.

To Be Eligible for Outdoor Dining, Restaurants Must:



- Be on the ground floor and be accessible to the public from the street.
- Have a food service establishment permit issued by the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

My Restaurant Already Has an Outdoor Dining Setup, Do I Need To Apply?



- Yes. Restaurants need to apply by August 3, 2024, or will need to remove their temporary outdoor dining setup.
- Restaurants that apply will need to comply with design requirements within 30 days of approval.

How To Apply:



- Resources, guidance, and support are available to restaurant owners as they transition to permanent outdoor dining in NYC.



To learn more or to apply, visit nyc.gov/DiningOut or call 212.839.4500

CUNNINGHAM PARK EVENTS



Shakespeare in the Park

Thursday, August 15, 2024

7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Jewish Music Under the Stars

Wednesday, August 21, 2024

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.



Just Sixties Concert

Monday, August 26, 2024

5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.



DSNY Paper Shredding Event

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.



NYC Parks

Thank you, health fair sponsors:

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CANNABIS/LIQUOR LICENSE NOTIFICATION (S)



Bokharian Community Centers Inc.

185-01 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows

NEW - Full Liquor License & Temporary Retail Permit

Sean Kim Corp.

153-15 Union Turnpike in Flushing

NEW - Full Liquor License & Temporary Retail Permit

*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



Tisha B'AvTues., August 13th

Feast of the AssumptionThurs., August 15th

(Parking meters are still in effect.

** Except during major holidays)*

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE (S)



- 188-17 Palo Alto Ave – Partial Demolition
- 75-08 185th Street – Demolition



Queens Public Library
&
NYC Department Of
Education

*Mondays - Fridays
July 8th to August 30th
From 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.*

FREE summer meals [lunch] are open to **all** children 18 years old or younger.

Visit **QueensLibrary.org** or scan the QR code for a list of participating library locations near you.



CANNABIS/LIQUOR LICENSE Committee Meeting (Tentative)

Tuesday, August 20, 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 **Monday, August 19, 2024**.

If you have complaints about illegal cannabis shops, please contact the Office of Cannabis Management at:

<https://cannabis.ny.gov/report-an-incident>



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Community Board 8, Queens

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"I love summertime more than anything else in the world. That is the only thing that gets me through the winter, knowing that summer is going to be there."

– Jack McBrayer