





# 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 Linda Lee - 23rd District Honorable James Gennaro - 24th District

#### **BOROUGH PRESIDENT**

Honorable Donovan Richards

**STAFF DISTRICT MANAGER**: Marie Adam-Ovide Sandra Aikens-Williams, Community Assistant Soleil Griffin, Community Assistant Nettie Norris, Community Service Aide

## **BOARD MEMBERS BY AREA**

#### <u> Area 1 – Kew Gardens Hills</u>

Mitch Lisker – CHAIR, Heather Bennett-Idels, Susan D. Cleary, Jennifer Martin, Rabbi Yaniv Meirov, Rabbi Shlomo Nisanov, Tobias Paris, Simon Pelman and Jacob Weinberg.

#### <u> Area 2 – Briarwood</u>

**Seymour Schwartz – CHAIR**, Solomon Davydov, Allen Eisenstein, John Gebhard, Elke Maerz, Mohammad Rahman, Charlton Rhee and Douglas Sherman.

#### <u> Area 3 – Hillcrest Estates & Jamaica Hill</u>

Kevin Forrestal – CHAIR, Dilafroz Ahmed, 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, Steven Konigsberg, and Dilip Nath.

<u>Area 5 – Georgetown Mews, Pomonok, Electchester, Flushing</u> Mary Maggio – CHAIR, Neeta Jain, Jenna Citron Schwab and Deepti Sharma.

<u>Area 6 – Utopia, Fresh Meadows, West Cunningham Park</u> Maria DeInnocentiis – CHAIR, James Gallagher, Alan Ong, Tamara Osherov and Amy Tse.

#### <u> Area 7 – Jamaica Estates & Holliswood</u>

**Howard Fried – CHAIR**, Dr. Robert Block, Edward Chung, Michael Hannibal, David Mordukhaev, Jesse Rosenbaum, Harbachan Singh, Martha Taylor, Mohammed Tohin and Mayer Waxman.

# September's Community Board 8 Public Hearing/Meeting (recap) 183-02 Union Turnpike Fresh Meadows

The Minutes of Wednesday, June 14, 2023, were unanimously approved by

#### Chairperson's Report:

Chairperson Martha Taylor reminded all board members that packets will be emailed a few days before the meeting. Board members may sign-up or request a paper packet. They must do so by Tuesday before the meeting.

Queens Community Boards have until mid-October to acknowledge receipt of the Queens Borough President's Equal Employment Opportunity Policy. Please pick-up the policy from the district manager and sign the acknowledgment. [*The packets will be available again at the Wednesday, October 11, 2023 CB8 meeting*]

Next Public Hearing/Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 [see page 6] Minutes of Board Meetings are available *usually* within two weeks on our website.

# A Word from the District Manager

Dear Resident,

The Department of Transportation notified our office of rate increases for parking meters in areas located in all five boroughs of New York City.

Rate increases will be implemented on a rolling basis across the city beginning on or about October 16, 2023. As meters are reprogramed daily, new stickers will be affixed to meters informing users of the new rates, as well as updated in the ParkNYC Mobile Payment App. They anticipate the process to take approximately 8 weeks. The general timeline for the start of implementation in each borough is as follows:

- Manhattan On or about 10/16/23•
- Queens On or about 10/27/23•
- Brooklyn On or about 11/9/23
- Bronx On or about 11/22/23•
- Staten Island On or About 11/28/23

Additional information and details of these changes can be found on our website: nyc.gov/parking.

Zones M1 and M2 have different rates for commercial vehicles.

Location	1st Hour	2nd Hour
Zone M1 – Midtown Core and Lower Manhattan	\$5.50	\$9.00
Zone M2 – Manhattan South of 96th Street**	\$5.00	\$8.25
Zone M3 – Manhattan 96th Street to 110th Street**	\$3.00	\$5.00
Zone 1 – Business Districts outside of Manhattan (e.g., Downtown Brooklyn, Downtown Flushing, and Jamaica; Manhattan 125th Street)	\$2.50	\$5.00
Zone 2 – Neighborhood Retail Districts	\$2.00	\$3.00
Zone 3 – All Other Metered Locations	\$1.50	\$2.50

#### New Commercial Vehicle Meter Rates Begin October 16

Rate increases go into effect on a rolling basis. Always checked posted signage and meters to confirm current regulations and price

Location	1st Hour	2nd Hour	3rd Hour
Zone M1 – Midtown Core and Lower Manhattan	\$7.00	\$10.00	\$13.00
Zone M2 – Manhattan South of 96th Street**	\$6.00	\$9.00	\$12.00

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,

Sincerely, *Marie Wam-Ovide* 

Chair

Chairperson Taylor introduced Nora Daniels, representing the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice, and Micheal Clarke representing Housing Works. Mr. Clarke stated that the Community Advisory Board (CAB) meetings will resume in another month.

#### Guest Speakers:

## The Honorable City Councilman James Gennaro:

The Adams' Administration put out their second round of regulations for Local Law 97. The federal government placed money in the Inflation Reduction Act. So long as the buildings do the work by 2024 or have a carbon reduction action plan, they won't have any penalties if they don't complete the work in time.

Asylum Seekers are here legally. New York City is a right to shelter city which is rooted in the state constitution.

The Association of Community Employment Programs (ACE) replaced Diversified Opportunity Fund (Doe Fund) and Wildcat.

#### Deputy Inspector Kevin Chen:

There has been an increase in the number of car thefts, especially cars manufactured by Honda, Dodge Charger and Kia. He recommended placing a tracking device in your vehicle. Tools are being stolen from commercial vehicles. He also announced different NYPD events occurring in September.

#### Public Hearing - Steve Konigsberg, Zoning Committee Chair:

**BSA Cal. No. 84-08-BZ** - This is an application to extend the terms of a special permit for a period of ten (10) years starting from October 28, 2018. This would allow the operation of a gas service station at 67-20 Main Street *aka 68-12 Main Street* in Flushing. This is also to amend the resolution to allow a canopy.

Vote:

## In Favor: 31 Against: 0 Abstention: 0

Motion passed unanimously.

#### Health Minute with Dr. Stern

Ageism harms us all because it shapes the way we think about ourselves and others. Instead of relying on old terms like "aging dependents" or "elderly" or "seniors", try using more neutral terms like "older people". They suggest that aging be viewed as a dynamic process rather than a 'struggle' or 'fight' or 'battle' which are conflict -oriented words used by many to describe the aging experience.

Let's commit to find creative solutions to ensure we can thrive as we age.



# ELVES WANTED!

Be one of the Elves and help a child during the holidays! Jamaica Postmaster **Dermot G. Tuohy** is inviting you to join

**Operation Santa!** 





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# **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

7:30 p.m.

Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike Fresh Meadows

(Please enter through the parking lot entrance.)



**Notice is hereby given** that the following matters have been scheduled for public hearing by Community Board:

- Co-naming of 161st Street from Jewel Avenue to 160th Street in honor of former Assembly Member Nettie Mayersohn who served in the NYS Assembly from 1983 to 2011. The proposal is to co-name the street "Nettie Mayersohn Way".
- Co-naming of 75th Avenue between Main Street and 147th Street in honor of former Assembly Member Michael Simanowitz who served in the NYS Assembly from 2011 to 2017. The proposal is to co-name the avenue, "Michael Simanowitz Way".
- Vote on the Community Board 8 Queens Capital & Expense Budget Priorities and Needs Statement for FY 2025.

For public speaking time, please contact our office during regular business hours by calling us at **(718) 264-7895.** Please note on *Wednesday*, *October 11, 2023*, which is the day of the public hearing, registration for speaking time is accepted until <u>4:00 p.m.</u>

# LIQUOR LICENSE NOTIFICATION (S)

- A & Y Café, Inc. dba Café Muscat 178-05 - 178-07 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows Renewal - Full Liquor License
- Doherty Apple Fresh Meadows, LLC dba Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar 61-48 188th Street in Fresh Meadows
  New - Full Liquor License (New Owner)
- 175 Singh Brothers, Inc dba Parsons Ale House 79-08 Parsons Blvd. in Flushing Renewal - Full Liquor License
- JIB Catering, Inc. 158-11 Harry Van Arsdale Jr. (Jewel) Avenue in Flushing Renewal - Full Liquor License

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.

## **CITY PARKING RULES**

The City suspends alternate side parking regulations for both street cleaning purposes and traffic flow, on legal and/or religious holidays.



Sukkot.....Oct. 1st Shemini Atzereth.....Oct. 7th & 8th \* Columbus Day ....Oct. 9th

> (Parking meters are still in effect. \* Except during major holidays)

## **DEMOLITION/VACATE NOTICE**



- 87-80 191st Street Demolition (House & Garage)
- 187-07 Hillside Avenue Demolition (Building)

Celebrate Italian American Heititage Month Community Board 8, Queens								
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FR	SAT		
1 Sukkot	2	Capital & 3 Expense Budget Cmte. Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office	Executive Cmte. Meeting 7:30 p.m.	5	6	7		
8	9 Italian Heritage & Indigenous People's Day We're CLOSED	10	Board Meeting Public Hearing 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union	12	13	14		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28		
29	30	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN						

"Everyone wants to go to heaven; the desire is there but the fortitude is not."

— Sicilian Proverb