



September

COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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Honorable Donovan Richards

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September Community Board Public Hearing/Meeting 183-02 Union Turnpike Fresh Meadows

Items for review:

BSA Cal. No. 8-04-BZ - [BBL 4-6829-1] **78-15 Parsons Blvd.** in **Fresh Meadows.** Amendment to a previously granted variance in an R3-2 zoning district. Two story enlargement and connection of an existing community facility building on the zoning lot that will exceed permitted FAR [Floor Area Ratio] and front wall height.

INFORMATIONAL HEARING - Birch Family of Services under the auspices of the NYS Office of People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) proposed an Individualized Residential Alternative (IRA) for six individuals to be located at **138-07 Coolidge Avenue** in Briarwood. *This is for information only - No vote will be taken.*

BSA Cal. No. 2021-83-BZ - [BBL 4-7259-26] **80-74 188th Street** in **Jamaica Estates** - Variance to permit the construction of a house of worship within an R1-2 zoning district, which is contrary to ZR 24-111 FAR [Floor Area Ratio], accessory parking spaces [25-30] not provided and side yard is less than the minimum required.

FY '24 Capital & Expense Budget - To solicit new items to be added to the Capital & Expense Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.

Next Public Hearing/Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes of Board Meetings are available *usually* within two weeks.

Dear Resident,

The NYS Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) recently announced that Conditional Adult-Use Retail Dispensary (CAURD) Licenses have now opened [August 25, 2022]. It will be closed on September 26, 2022.

Before applying, all applicants should read the frequently asked questions:

<https://cannabis.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2022/08/completing-your-application-faq-8.25.22.pdf>

How are Community Boards involved in the process? At least 30 days or no more than two hundred seventy days before filing an application for an adult-use retail dispensary or on-site consumption license, an applicant must notify the municipality of the applicant's intent to apply for such license. For New York City, these notices will be going to the respective Community Board, akin to the on-premise liquor license applications.

Please continue to monitor the program's website www.cannabis.ny.gov for updates. For additional information please call our hotline at 1-888-OCM-5151 (1-888-626-5151), or send an email to info@ocm.ny.gov.

You may also sign-up for email updates from the Office at the following link:

https://cannabis.ny.gov/sign_up_for_updates_from_OCM

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,

Marie Adam-Osida

Labor Day Service Update from NYC Sanitation



In advance of the Labor Day holiday, the New York City Department of Sanitation has announced additional service and a change in guidance for **Monday, September 5, 2022**. Residents who normally receive Monday trash collection should place their material at the curb **SUNDAY EVENING**, between 4 p.m. and midnight, for collection beginning Monday. This pilot "on-holiday pick-up" represents an additional service as collection normally does not take place on the holiday.

Residents who normally receive Monday recycling collection should place their material out at curbside between 4 p.m. and midnight on the following Sunday, September 11, 2022, for pickup on Monday, September 12, 2022.

Residents who normally receive Monday curbside composting collection should place their material at the curb between 4 p.m. and midnight Monday evening, for collection beginning the next day, Tuesday, September 6, 2022.

While the Department strives to offer this service, please note that collection delays are common after holidays. We appreciate patience as we work to collect the material.

For questions about Sanitation services and holiday schedules contact 311 or visit nyc.gov/sanitation.

New York State Homes & Community Renewal NEWS!!!

From **Woody Pascal**, Deputy Commissioner
Office of Rent Administration

DHCR has commenced the formal process required under the New York State Administrative Procedure Act (“SAPA”) to amend various regulations in the Rent Stabilization Code, the Tenant Protection Regulations and the State and New York City Rent Control Regulations.

On our website <https://hcr.ny.gov/regulatory-information> are the regulatory changes proposed by DHCR to each set of regulations. Where the changes exceed 2,000 words, a summary is also provided. Also attached are various other documents required under SAPA which will aid in explaining the substantive changes and DHCR’s reasoning in the proposed amended regulations. Where any of these SAPA documents exceed 2,000 words a shorter summary is also provided.

The publication of these documents or their summaries, where applicable, in the New York State Register on August 31, 2022, begins the public comment period during which the public may submit comments on the proposed regulations to DHCR. DHCR will review these comments and take them into account in finalizing any amendments. In addition to any address in the State Register, such comments can be sent by mail to:

Michael Berrios, Division of Housing and Community Renewal,
92-31 Union Hall Street, 6th Floor, Jamaica, New York 11433, (718) 262-4816 or by email to: 2022RentRegulationComments@hcr.ny.gov.

Back to School.

MOTORIST TIPS FOR CHILDRENS SAFETY

What Can I Do?



Do Not Pass

It is illegal to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.



Seeing Yellow

School buses use yellow flashing lights to alert motorists that they are preparing to stop to load or unload children.



Seeing Red

Red flashing lights and an extended stop sign arm signals to motorists that the bus is stopped and children are getting on or off the bus.



All Stop

Traffic in both directions stop on undivided roadways when students are entering or exiting a school bus.



Stay Behind

Traffic behind a school bus (traveling in the same direction) must stop.



Crosswalks

Do not block the crosswalk.



Distance

Stop your car far enough from the bus to allow children the necessary space to safely enter and exit the bus.



Stop

Always stop when directed to do so by a school patrol sign, school patrol officer or designated crossing guard



Stay Alert

Children are the least predictable pedestrians and the most difficult to see.



Never Pass on Right

Never pass a school bus on the right.



Look Out

Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, residential areas, playgrounds and parks.



Don't Honk

Don't honk your horn, rev your engine or do anything to rush or scare a child in front of your car.

NYPD

www.nypd.org

HURRICANE IDA SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING PROGRAM

NYC Mayor's Office of Housing Recovery Operations

Were you impacted by Post Tropical Storm Ida?

We may be able to help!

- If you own a 1-4 family home that was uninhabitable because of damage from Ida; and
- You applied for FEMA or were not eligible for FEMA assistance because you are a landlord; and
- Have either been denied or received less than the amount needed to complete repairs that would make the home habitable, then
- You may be eligible for assistance up to \$72,000* to cover the cost of the repairs to make the home habitable** and for mitigation measures to protect against future damage.

APPLICATION DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

*Subject to program policy guidelines.

**Program habitability is defined as having functioning heat, hot water, electricity, and gas (where applicable) with at least one running tap with potable water and one functioning toilet.

For more information, please contact us!

Phone: (212) 615-8329

Email: IdaAssist@recovery.nyc.gov



Hey Queens!

Got yard waste, leaves and food scraps?

Composting just got easier—starting **October 3rd**, we will pick it up from your curb **every week!**

Yard Waste and Leaves

- Put in a bin or bag separate from trash.

Food Scraps

- Put in a labeled bin (max 55 gallons) with a secure lid. Label bin with a free Composting Bin Decal—order at nyc.gov/CompostingBinDecal

-OR-

- Put in a brown bin. Don't have one? Order a free new one by **October 1, 2022** at nyc.gov/CurbsideComposting

All buildings with 10+ units will automatically receive brown bins. It's just that easy!

NEW
Weekly
Service

Find your collection schedule at:
nyc.gov/CurbsideComposting

Have questions about composting in NYCHA?
Visit nyc.gov/QueensCompostingNYCHA.

nyc.gov/CurbsideComposting | call 311
f t @ NYCsanitation



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Did you know?



Fair Fares NYC is a City program created to help New Yorkers with low incomes manage their transportation costs. Using the Fair Fares NYC MetroCard, eligible New York City residents receive a 50% discount on subway and eligible bus fares. Pay-per-Ride, weekly unlimited, and monthly unlimited options are all available. Fair Fares can also provide 50% off MTA Access-A-Ride paratransit trips.

Fair Fares is open to all eligible New Yorkers at or below the Federal Poverty Level who don't have discounted transportation from the MTA or the City.

All Fair Fares NYC MetroCards come ready to add time and/or value. When you add time to your Fair Fares NYC MetroCard, you will be charged half the current price for the unlimited weekly or monthly option. When you add value, you will add the amount you choose to your card and the turnstile will deduct half the current fare when you swipe.

To check eligibility, please go to: www.nyc.gov/fairfares

107th Precinct Community Council \$\$ Fundraising Car Wash \$\$

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18th 11 AM
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BBQ

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VOLUNTEER

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and a
BURGER or DOG



LIQUOR LICENSE NOTIFICATIONS

- ◆ **Spring Family, Inc. — d/b/a Secret Kitchen**
185-20 Horace Harding Expressway in Fresh Meadows
NEW - Full License Application & Temporary Permit
- ◆ **Boondee Moo Ka Ta, Inc.**
168-11 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows
NEW - Full License Application

*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.



Labor Day*.....Mon., September 5th
Rosh Hashanah.....Mon-Tue, Sept. 26-27th

**Parking meters are still in effect, except for
*Major Legal Holidays.**

DEMOLITION NOTICE



- 138-54 Queens Blvd. - Demolition (*Full*)
- 143-26 84th Road - Demolition (*Full*)
- 130-50 75th Road - Demolition
(*House & Garage*)

There has been a spike of catalytic converter thefts throughout the city.

It only takes a MINUTE for a criminal, to crawl underneath your vehicle and remove your property which they QUICKLY sell for cash.

If possible, have your converter welded on.

If you see something suspicious **CALL 911**



CrimePREVENTION



NYPD



September 2022

Community Board 8, Queens

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4	Labor Day We're closed! 	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Board Meeting Public Hearing 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike	15	16	17
18	19	20 Liquor License Comte. Mtg. <i>Hybrid</i> 7:30 p.m.	21	22 	23	24
25	26 Happy  Rosh Hashanah	27	28	29	30	*** All Jewish Holidays begin at sundown on the preceding day.

“Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today.” - Malcolm X