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COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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CHAIRMAN: Alvin Warshaviak
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3rd VICE CHAIR: Seymour Schwartz
EXEC. SECRETARY: Carolyn Baker-Brown
TREASURER: Harbachan Singh
BUDGET DIRECTOR: Vacant

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Honorable Barry Grodenchik
Honorable Rory Lanman

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Honorable Melinda Katz

STAFF

Jatna Pimentel and Alma Karassavidis

BOARD MEMBERS BY AREA

Area 1 – Kew Gardens Hills

Dr. Allen J. Bennett – CHAIR, Susan D. Cleary, Florence Fisher, Joshua Glikman, Bright Limm, Mitch Lisker, Jennifer Martin, Rabbi Shlomo Nisanov, Simon Pelman, Michael Sidell and Jacob Weinberg

Area 2 – Briarwood

Seymour Schwartz - CHAIR, Carolyn Baker-Brown, Allen Eisenstein, Elke Maerz, Charlton Rhee, Douglas Sherman and Albert Willingham

Area 3 – Hillcrest Estates & Jamaica Hill

Kevin Forrestal - CHAIR, Dilafriz Ahmed, Fakrul Islam Delwar, Paul Lazauskas, Frances Peterson and Samuel Rodriguez

Area 4 – Flushing Heights, Flushing Suburban, Hillcrest

Jagir Singh Bains – CHAIR, Kenneth Cohen II, Steven Konigsberg and Alvin Warshaviak

Area 5 – Georgetown Mews, Pomonok, Electchester, Flushing

Mary Maggio Fischer – CHAIR, Monica Corbett, Carolann Foley, Sylvia Hernandez, Frank Magri, Steven Sadofsky and Stanley Weinblatt

Area 6 – Utopia, Fresh Meadows, West Cunningham Park

Maria DeInnocentiis – CHAIR, James Gallagher, Jr., Robert Harris, Tami Hirsch and Tamara Osherov

Area 7 – Jamaica Estates & Holliswood

Mark Lefkof – CHAIR, Dr. Robert Block, Edward Chung, Howard A. Fried, Marc A. Haken, Michael Hannibal, Jesse Rosenbaum, Harbachan Singh, Martha Taylor and Mohammed Tohin

COMMUNITY BOARD 8'S HEALTH FAIR WILL BE ON FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2016 – SAVE THE DATE!

Community Board 8, Queens
Hillcrest Jewish Center
183-02 Union Turnpike (Auditorium)
Fresh Meadows, NY 11366

- Minutes of February 17, 2016 Board Meeting were unanimously approved by 41 members
- Guest Speaker - Anthony Iuliano from the Department of Buildings discussed proper procedures for filing DOB complaints and answered questions.
- Alvin Warshaviak announced his retirement from CB8 after 25 years as Chairman.
- Elected Officials, including Borough President, Melinda Katz were in attendance to honor Chairman Warshaviak for his many years of service to CB8.
- **Zoning Committee – BSA Cal. No. 436-53-BZ – 141-50 Union Turnpike:**

A Public Hearing was held regarding an application for the extension of term of a previously granted variance for the location, as well as converting service bays into an accessory convenience store. The members voted to approve this application:

In Favor: 37

Opposed: 1

Abstained: 1

Next Community Board 8 Meeting will be on **WEDNESDAY, April 13, 2016** at 7:30 p.m.

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

A Word from the District Manager ...

Dear Chairman Warshaviaĳ (aka Alvin),

The Community Board 8 staff joins me to bid you farewell as our Chairman. Your wisdom, diplomacy and placidness will be sorely missed. We appreciate your compliments and the recognition that you always gave for our efforts. Please know that it pushes us to try even harder.

We also thank your family for sharing your time with us. You were always available to us even when you were on vacation.

Sincerely,

Marie Adam-Ovide & staff

P.S. If you would like an email version, please contact us at 718-264-7895 and provide your email address.

This information is also available on our website: www.nyc.gov/queenscb8. Remember to "Like" us on

facebook

QED - A001 Water Main Project



The Department of Design and Construction will be replacing water mains and fire hydrants under the above contract. It is an accelerated contract that would last for several weeks. This project will start on **Monday, April 11, 2016.**

In preparation for this work, there will be saw cutting starting on **Monday, April 4, 2016** and parking may be restricted in certain areas. Signs will be posted giving a starting date for restricted parking **without an end date**. Please do not park within the specified hours **as long as the signs are posted** regardless of the date.

There will be **Test Water Main Shut Down** lasting for approximately 4 hours (8:00 a.m. to Noon) as follows:

Tuesday, April 5, 2016

- On 168th Street (from 69th Avenue to 73rd Avenue)
- On 73rd Avenue (from 167th Street to 169th Street)
- On Jewel Avenue (from 168th Street to 164th Street)

Wednesday, April 6, 2016

- On 167th Street (from 69th Avenue to 71st Avenue)
- 166th Street (from 69th Avenue to 72nd Avenue)
- 165th Street (from 69th Avenue to 72nd Avenue)
- On 71st Avenue (from 169th street to 164th Street)

For more information, please contact Community Construction Liaison (CCL) Nasser Ahmadi at 718-225-7007. He is also available by email at: Qeda001ccl@gmail.com.

**Assemblyman Michael
Simanowitz**



Hosts



**Smoke/Carbon Monoxide
Alarm Giveaway
with FDNY**

When:
April 14th, 2016
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Where:
District Office
159-06 71st Avenue, Flushing NY 11365

For more information:
Assemblyman Michael Simanowitz's Office
(718) 969-1508

#GetAlarmedNYC

Department of Sanitation



The Department of Sanitation announced **SAFE Disposal Events**, which provide NYC residents easy options for disposal of potentially harmful household items.

The next SAFE Disposal Event for **Queens** will be on:

Saturday, April 30, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event will be held at Cunningham Park's Baseball Field Parking Lot - cars should enter on the Francis Lewis Boulevard entrance, between Union Turnpike & Grand Central Pkwy.

Walk-in area available for residents taking public transportation.

For those unable to attend this event, visit www.nyc.gov/safedisposal or contact 311 for more options on how to get rid of these items.

NYCPD

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THE QUEENS SOUTH

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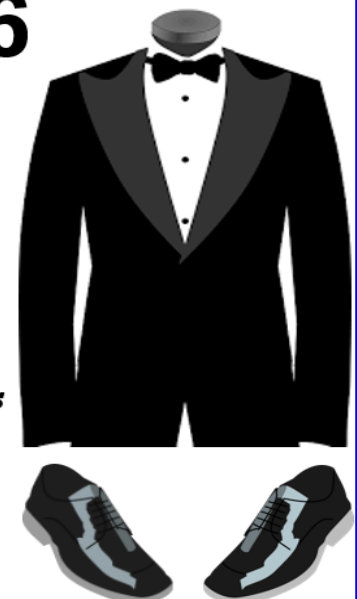
*Sometimes achieving a large dream means first
making the small ones happen*

*Please help us by donating your unwanted clean suits
and shoes to make a difference in the life of a High
School Senior.*

*Please drop off at the Queens South Community Affairs
by April 25th*

Contact Sgt. Clarke (917)681-5426

THANK YOU ALL FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Queens Civic Congress, Inc.



P.O. Box 670706, Flushing, NY 11367
Tel.: 718-464-8153 Cell.: 917-749-8769
www.nycqcc.org

Biennial Civic Luncheon
Sunday, April 17, 2016
1:00 p.m.

Antun's
96-43 Springfield boulevard
Queens Village

Community Board 8Q Member
and Fresh Meadows Homeowner's
Civic Association President
James Gallagher, Jr. is one of the
honorees.



Congratulations!



**INTERESTED IN JOINING AN NYRR OPEN RUN
IN CUNNINGHAM PARK?**

**Come and learn about this new community program and how you
can get involved as a run director, volunteer, and participant!**

Join us on **Sunday, April 10** at the Hillcrest Jewish Center at 9 a.m. for a short gathering about
the project, followed by a walk-through of the course. Breakfast will be served.

For more info, visit openrun.nyrr.org. You can also join our Facebook group: NYRR Open Run-Cunningham Park.

April is Research Month

at

St. John's University



April 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Prof. Abu Serajuddin, Ph.D. will lead a
lecture discussion on Technological Advances
in Pharmacy Research in St. Albert's Hall
(Room B-70) at the school's Queens campus.

Ireland 2016

Join SJU for a year-long global remembrance of
the centenary of the Easter Rising in 1916, a
seminal moment in Ireland's journey to
independence.

Concert at St. John's University



April 14, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

D'Angelo Center Ballroom
8000 Utopia Parkway
Queens, NY 11439

RSVP: Brian Browne at 718-990-2762 or
browneb@stjohns.edu



Silvercrest Senior Housing To Open Its Waiting List

Silvercrest Senior Housing, an 80-unit smoke-free building for low-income seniors of all ethnic backgrounds, will be opening up its waiting list beginning March 23, 2016.

Located in the Briarwood section of Queens, Silvercrest Senior Housing offers one-bedroom units including five units designed for the mobility impaired. All units have a kitchen and bathroom. The facility is subsidized by The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Qualifications will be based on HUD Section 202 PRAC Federal guidelines.

Interested persons may obtain an application by telephoning 718-880-2100, TTY Users: dial 7-1-1 or 800-662-1220 (Relay N.Y.), or by submitting a written request to:

Silvercrest Senior Housing
86-19 144th Street
Briarwood, NY 11435

Or by coming to **in person** at the following locations:

Silvercrest Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation
144-45 87th Avenue
Briarwood, NY 11435
Monday–Friday 9am–4pm

Silvercrest Senior Housing
86-19 144 Street
Briarwood, NY 11435
Monday–Friday 9am–4pm

Individuals may also download an application from the internet at www.silvercrest.org or email request to Ltambasco@silvercrest.org. Completed applications must be returned by **REGULAR MAIL ONLY, NOT REGISTERED OR CERTIFIED**. One household member must be at least 62 years of age or older to qualify. Applications will be selected by lottery. **DO NOT MAIL MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION PER FAMILY. IF MORE THAN ONE IS RECEIVED, IT WILL BE DROPPED TO THE BOTTOM OF THE LIST.**

Completed applications must be received by April 30, 2016

Applications received after this deadline date will not be processed until all applications received by the deadline are processed.



Wheelchair
Accessible

No Application Fee. No Broker's Fee.

We do business in accordance with the Federal Fair Housing Law





*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 you know???

Taxi and Limousine Commission

Beginning Friday, April 1, 2016, TLC will no longer accept in-person visits to renew driver licenses. Any current TLC-licensed driver (Medallion, For-Hire Vehicle, Paratransit or Commuter Van Driver License) who wants to renew their license must use the online payment system by visiting www.nyc.gov/tlc/lars and by submitting the required documents by either sending them via e-mail to renewdrivermr@tlc.nyc.gov or by regular mail to:

TLC Renewals Unit
31-00 47th Avenue, 3rd Floor
Long Island City, NY 11101

Chometz Burning Stations & Sanitation Bin Locations in Community Board 8, Queens

Date: **Friday, April 22, 2016**

Time: **Approximately 6 a.m. to approximately 11 a.m.**

- Across from the Torah Center of Hillerzst located at 171-05 Jewel/Harry Van Arsdale Ave.
- In front of the Young Israel of Kew Gardens Hills located at 70-11 150th Street.
- In front of the Young Israel of Jamaica Estates located at 83-10 188th Street
- In front of the Young Israel of Queens Valley located at 141-55 77th Avenue, near the parking lot.



In addition, remember to place your garbage out **the night before** for the special collection.

Happy Pesach From Community Board 8, Queens



LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

- ◆ **New Traditions Inc.**
84-28 164th Street in Queens, *Renewal application for a Wine, Beer and Liquor License.*
- ◆ **Tajmahal Catering & Chinese Buffet Restaurant Inc.**
87-39 148th Street in Jamaica, *Renewal application for a Wine, Beer and Liquor License.*
- ◆ **185-01 Union Turnpike TBD Corp.**
185-01 Union Tpk in Fresh Meadows, *New application for Wine, Beer and Liquor License.*

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.

DEMOLITION/VACATE NOTICE

- ◆ 147-53 Coolidge Avenue - Partial Demolition (*interior and exterior, renovation and enlargement*)
- ◆ 87-13 Homelawn Street - Demolition
- ◆ 87-17 Homelawn Street - Demolition
- ◆ 150-15 77th Avenue - Partial Demolition (*interior and exterior, renovation and enlargement*)
- ◆ 75-11 184th Street - Demolition (*horizontal and vertical enlargement*)
- ◆ 143-45 Hoover Avenue - Partial Demolition
- ◆ 61-11 168th Street - Demolition (*house and garage*)
- ◆ 61-16 169th Street - Demolition (*house and garage*)
- ◆ 61-20 169th Street - Demolition (*house and garage*)
- ◆ 61-21 168th Street - Demolition (*house and garage*)
- ◆ 84-03 Lander Street - **Emergency Declaration** - Construction fence partially collapsed at front. Site open to public.
Remedy: *Repair Fence.*
- ◆ 71-23 165th Street - **Vacate Order** - Effective March 28, 2016. Illegal apartment created at cellar: inadequate light/ventilation, and second means of egress.



The newly awarded Pre-K Programs will be posted in DOE's online Pre-K Directory in mid-April.

It will be available for families who wish to apply to pre-K in Round 2, which opens on May 2.

CITY PARKING RULES

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

- ◆ April 23rd to April 30th Passover.
- ◆ April 28th Holy Thursday (*Orthodox*).
- ◆ April 29th Good Friday (*Orthodox*).

Remember, parking meters are still in effect.

Presidential Primary Election

Tuesday, April 19, 2016.
From 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.



"Bad officials are elected by good people who do not vote."

- George Jean Nathan

107th Precinct Scam Alerts

Phone Scams

- If anyone calls to inform you that a loved one (grandchild etc.) has either been arrested, was involved in a car accident, kidnapped, hospitalized, victim of a crime in another country etc. and asks you to either wire, send cash, purchase any type of gift card to help them out - **you are being scammed** - contact the family member first. If you can't get in touch, call another family member and verify.
- If anyone calls you and says they are a representative of any government agency (IRS, FBI, NYPD, BANK etc.) and tells you that you owe back taxes or mortgage payments etc. and then instructs you to wire money or they will arrest you or put your house in foreclosure - **you are being scammed** - ask for a name then obtain the real number to the organization from an outside source (i.e. Official Internet Website). **No matter what, hang up on this scam.**
- Phone numbers can be generic. Don't trust anyone who calls and asks you to send money without verifying.

ATM Skimming

- Thieves will place a skimming device on an ATM. Before you insert your card, give the plate a pull. If it's loose or comes off in your hand, a skimming device has been planted. Call 911 and then contact the bank ASAP.



Auto Theft

- No matter how long you're away from your car, if you leave anything of value in plain view, your window will be broken and your items will be stolen! It's that simple!



2016

Community Board 8, Queens

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7 Informational Hearing (188th Bridge Construction) 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Avenue	8	9
10	11	12 Liquor License Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Avenue	13 Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike	14	15	16
17	*18  It's The Tax Time	19 Presidential Primary 	20	21	22 Earth Day  Passover Begins 	23
24	25	26	27 	28	29  Arbor Day	30  Passover Ends

*The income tax filing deadline is April 18, 2016.