



December

COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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EXEC. SECRETARY: Carolyn Baker-Brown
TREASURER: Harbachan Singh

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Honorable Barry Grodenchik - 23rd District
Honorable Rory Laneman - 24th District

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Honorable Melinda Katz

STAFF

Alma Karassavidis
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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 and Jacob Weinberg

Area 2 – Briarwood

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

Area 3 - Hillcrest Estates & Jamaica Hill

Kevin Forrestal - CHAIR, Dilafroz Ahmed, Bhithara-Martha Fulton, Fakrul "Delwar" Islam, Paul Lazauskas and Frances Peterson

Area 4 – Flushing Heights, Flushing Suburban, Hillcrest

Jagir Singh Bains—CHAIR, Kenneth Cohen II, Steven Konigsberg and Dr. Penny M. Stern

Area 5 – Georgetown Mews, Pomonok, Electchester, Flushing

Mary Maggio – CHAIR, Monica Corbett, Carolann Foley, Frank Magri, Steven Sadofsky, Rachele Van Arsdale 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, Queens
Hillcrest Jewish Center
183-02 Union Turnpike (Auditorium)
Fresh Meadows, NY 11366

The Minutes of October 18, 2017 Board Meeting were unanimously approved by 36 members.

Chairperson Martha Taylor:

Chairperson Martha Taylor congratulated Board Member Dr. Penny Stern as she was the honoree at the Queens County Medical Society Gala celebration on October 28, 2017. She was honored as the immediate past president of the society.

Last Thursday, there was a Town Hall meeting hosted by Honorable Council Member Barry Grodenchik. Mayor Bill de Blasio was in attendance. One of the things that the Mayor announced was of particular importance to this board. The Mayor has funded the renovation of Cunningham Park. The funds will be used for the Redwood Playground and the Upper Playground. The Vanderbilt Motor Parkway which has not been renovated in decades will also be redone. She thanked Mayor Bill de Blasio and all others involved for this amazing gift.

In light of the funding received. She requested that they add lighting to the dog run. Many people use it after work and it is dark. Lighting is much needed.

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Next Community Board 8 Meeting will be on **December 13, 2017** at 7:30 p.m.

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

Committee Reports (continued from Page 1)

An Informational Hearing on Bioswales/Rain Gardens was held on November 6th with the Department of Environmental Protection. Residents had some very good questions. Some had to do with maintenance and liability for property damage. Response from the agency is still pending.

In the Board Member packets, a list of meeting dates for next year was included. There were no objections, the dates are now final.

A letter of support was drafted for the Spectrum Communications Local 3 workers. This letter is also to encourage other NYC Community Boards to join CB8 in this support.

Guest Speaker:

Ahuva Yelizarov, Central Queens YM & YWHA – Ms. Yelizarov introduced Ms. Denia Tavaréz who was the one to give the presentation. She discussed the array of services they provide to the public (employment programs, food pantry, digital literacy classes etc.). Folders with flyers of various events were given to everyone for guidance.

A Word from the District Manager ...

Dear Community Board 8 Resident:

This holiday season, I want to remind every one to take precautions as they do their holiday shopping. Please stay alert at all times and heed the advice of our local precinct. When you park your car consider the following:

- *Please park your vehicle in well lighted areas.*
- ***Do not** keep your driver's license, registration, or car title in the car. Thieves can use these documents to sell your car if stolen, or to impersonate you when they are stopped by the police. Owners who indiscriminately leave keys, registrations and other identifiable materials in their vehicles may return to their residence only to find that they have been a victim of burglary.*
- *Close all windows and lock all the doors.*
- *Activate any anti-theft device you may have to protect your vehicle.*
- *Don't leave your pocketbook or wallet laying around, and keep it latched.*
- *Remove all packages and valuables such as Laptops, GPS Navigations, iPads, CDs, CD Players. Most importantly, **do not** leave them in the trunk.*

*If you find this information useful, please help spread the word by sharing it with your friends and neighbors. **It takes more than City Hall to make New York City great, it takes us all!***

Sincerely,

Marie Adam-Ovide

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



Melinda Katz
President, Borough of Queens



The 2017 Christmas Tree Lighting

AT QUEENS BOROUGH HALL

**DECEMBER 4, 2017
4:30PM - 5:30PM**

Meet at the Christmas Tree
in front of **QUEENS BOROUGH HALL**
120-55 Queens Boulevard in Kew Gardens

Join us for Caroling, Cookies,
and a Special visit from Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus.

No RSVP required.



Melinda Katz
Queens Borough President



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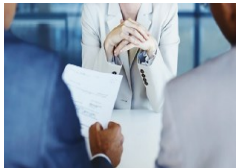


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Round Table Discussion: How to Succeed in an Interview



Friday, December 8, 2017
Central Queens Y
67-08 108th Street, Forest Hills, NY 11375



Open forum of questions and answers with an expert panel on effective strategies for succeeding in a job interview. They will address the concerns of the audience and develop individual strategies & plans. Participants will gain advice to overcome the anxiety of the interview.

Featured Panelists from NYIT School of Management:

Joshua E. Bienstock, JD, LL.M. – Assistant Professor of Business Law, **Stacey Baez** - Adjunct Professor Human Resources and Labor Relations, **Deborah Y. Cohn, PhD** - Director of Professional Enrichment

CareerConnect



For more info & to RSVP, contact Carolyn Weinstein
(718) 268-5011 Ext. 167/ email: CWeinstein@cqy.org

Holiday lighting safety tips:



Look for the UL label and carefully read instructions on your lights and other devices that require interior or exterior connections to ensure safety. The label means the product has undergone evaluation by a recognized product safety organization. Buying certified products lessens the chances of shock or fire.

- Do not use inside lights outside.
- Check electric cords for worn spots or fraying. Replace cords that are worn or frayed.
- Don't place electric cords under carpets or furniture
- Never attempt to retrieve an electrical product that has fallen in water.
- Never staple or nail cords to walls or baseboards.
- Don't overload outlets or powers strips. Overheated wires start fires.

Courtesy of Con Edison

NYC Civil Service 101 Information Session

Skilled Trades



Do you have specific training and experience as a Plumber or a Sheet Metal Worker? Join us as we highlight various skilled trade positions in NYC government and learn how you can advance your career while earning a competitive salary and benefits.

Learn about:

- The civil service application process
- Applying for skilled trade positions and internships
- Applying for and taking the Plumber and Sheet Metal Worker civil service exams
- Fee waivers
- What to expect after taking the exam

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

One Centre Street

New York, NY 10007

Pre-Registration required.

RSVP at: <http://on.nyc.gov/NYCSkilledTrade>

For registration questions, contact the Office of Citywide Recruitment at: Citywiderecruitment@dcas.nyc.gov

NYC Citywide
Administrative
Services



To request a reasonable accommodation:
DCAS Accessibility at 212-386-0256
Or accessibility@dcas.nyc.gov by 11/29/2017



Assemblyman David I. Weprin

and the

**Students and Faculty of
Irwin Altman Middle School 172**

are sponsoring a

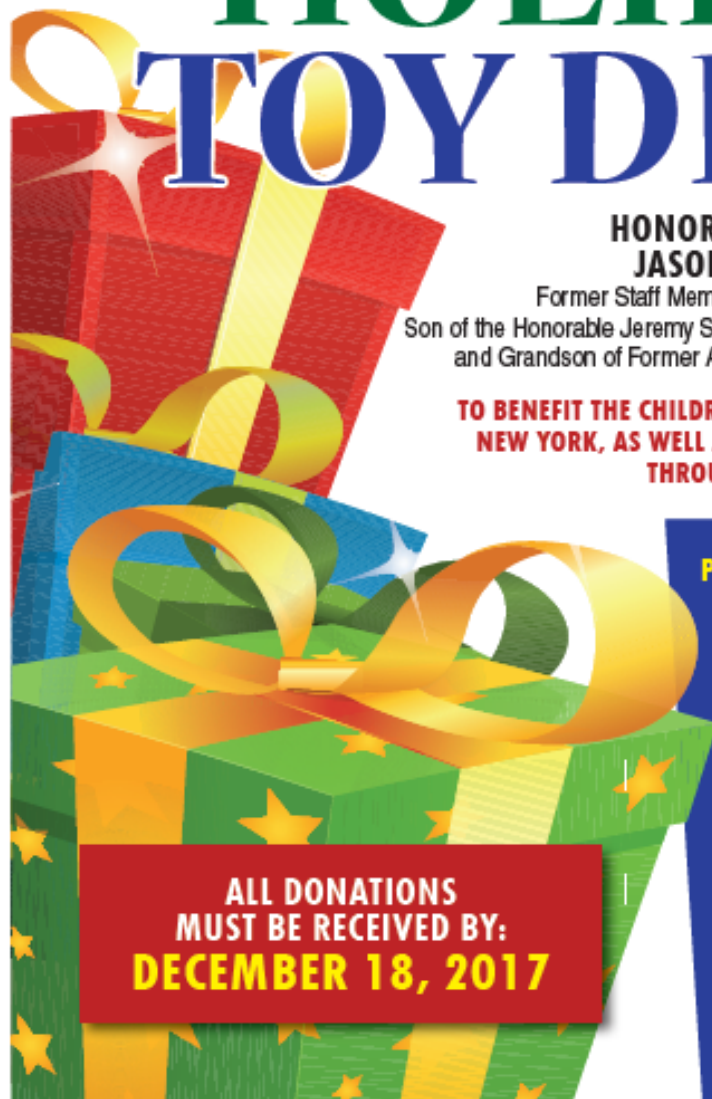


HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

HONORING THE MEMORY OF JASON MARK WEINSTEIN

Former Staff Member of Councilman Rory Lancman, and
Son of the Honorable Jeremy S. Weinstein of the Supreme Court of Queens County,
and Grandson of Former Assembly Speaker and Judge, Moses Weinstein

**TO BENEFIT THE CHILDREN OF HEARTSHARE HUMAN SERVICES OF
NEW YORK, AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS
THROUGHOUT RICHMOND HILL**



**ALL DONATIONS
MUST BE RECEIVED BY:
DECEMBER 18, 2017**

**PLEASE BRING A NEW OR GENTLY USED
UNWRAPPED TOY, BOOK OR
GAME SUITABLE FOR
CHILDREN AGES 12 AND UNDER TO:
ASSEMBLYMAN WEPRIN'S:**

FRESH MEADOWS DISTRICT OFFICE
185-06 Union Turnpike
Fresh Meadows, NY 11366
(718) 454-3027

OR

RICHMOND HILL DISTRICT OFFICE
111-12 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 5
Richmond Hill, NY 11419
(718) 805-2381

For more information about this or any other local issue, please contact
Assemblyman Weprin's office at (718) 454-3027 or (718) 805-2381.



*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???

Definition of a Commercial Vehicle

For the purposes of parking, standing and stopping, a commercial vehicle is defined as a vehicle that:

- Bears commercial plates, and
- Is permanently altered by having all seats and seat fittings, except the front seats, removed to facilitate the transportation of property (for vehicles designed with a passenger cab and a cargo area separated by a partition, the seating capacity within the cab shall not be considered in determining whether the vehicle is properly altered), and
- Displays the registrant's name and address permanently affixed in characters at least three inches high on both sides of the vehicle, with such display being in a color contrasting with that of the vehicle and placed approximately midway vertically on doors or side panels.

For the purposes other than parking, stopping and standing rules, a vehicle designed, maintained, or used primarily for the transportation of property or for the provision of commercial services and bearing commercial plates is considered a commercial vehicle.

Vehicles from other states or countries bearing commercial or equivalent registration plates from other states or countries shall not be deemed trucks or commercial vehicles unless they are permanently altered and marked as required in the above bulleted list.

Courtesy of NYCDOT

Holiday Gifts

City employees may not receive gifts or “tips” for doing their City jobs, nor may they receive any gifts from any person or firm doing business with the City. This includes any person or firm whose interests may be affected by their actions as City employees.

*Please do not bring gifts to the Community Board 8 employees.
At CB8, a job well done is its best reward!*

Full Text of the Law [City Charter §2604]

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION (S)



- ◆ **Fresh Meadows Pizza & Rest. Inc. d/b/a Fresh meadows Pizza and Restaurant**
195-09 69th Avenue in Fresh Meadows, *Renewal Beer and Cider License*
- ◆ **Shawn Joseph**
178-23 Hillside Avenue in Jamaica, *New application for full Liquor License*
- ◆ **Virdig Enterprise Inc. d/b/a Alba Pizzeria & Restaurant**
137-65 Queens Blvd.in Briarwood, *Renewal of full Liquor License*
- ◆ **Jasodra Henry d/b/a Lovell's Guiding Light**
148-33 Hillside Avenue, *Renewal of full Liquor License*
- ◆ **Ambika Bhavani Inc. d/b/a Supreme Diner**
82-65 Parsons Blvd. in Jamaica, *New application for full 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



- **186-30 Troon Road** - Demolition of house
- **87-48 Santiago Street** - Demolition of two car garage
- **80-11 169th Street** - Demolition of garage only

184-16 Radnor Street - *Emergency Declaration* - Site fence is down and/or missing at exposure 4 with open excavation and is hazardous.

Remedy: *Repair approximately 40 linear feet of fence around construction site to protect against unauthorized access.*

CITY PARKING RULES

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



Feast of Immaculate Conception.....December 8th
 ChristmasDecember 25th
Remember, parking meters are still in effect.

Street Activity/Block Party Permit Request



The following Street Activity/Block Party have been scheduled for the month of December:

- **Menorah Lighting** – Tuesday, December 17, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Chevy Chase Street bet. Union Turnpike and 80th Road

The above was approved by CB8 and awaits the approval of the Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO).

Remember that the deadline to apply for a multi-day and/or multi-block permit for **next year** is **December 31, 2017**.

Help Reduce Food Waste with a Microgrant

Small business owners may secure financial and technical support in their drive to reduce food waste with **The Microgrant Program**, sponsored by The Foundation for New York's Strongest, DSNY's official nonprofit organization.



The Foundation for New York's Strongest

With **The Microgrant Program**, local business owners can apply for up to \$15,000 in funding and technical advisory to embrace technology or implement strategies that will keep usable food from rotting in landfills.





Applications are due on **Monday, January 8, 2018** by 5:00 p.m. Learn more at:

foodwastefair.nyc/microgrants.

December 2017

Community Board 8, Queens



	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Parks Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Avenue	5	6	7	8 <i>Immaculate Conception</i> 	9
10	11 Transportation Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Avenue	12 Hanukkah Begins 	13 CB8 Monthly Meeting 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest J.C. 183-02 Union Turnpike	14	15	16
17	18	19 Liquor License Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Avenue	20 Hanukkah Ends 	21  <i>Winter Solstice</i>	22	23
24	25 We're Closed  <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26  Happy KWANZAA	27	28	29	30
 31 New Year's Eve						

"It is every man's obligation to put back into the world at least the equivalent of what he takes out of it." ~ Albert Einstein

** All Jewish Holidays start at sundown.