



December

COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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Honorable Melinda Katz

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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

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Area 3 – Hillcrest Estates & Jamaica Hills

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Area 5 – Georgetown Mews, Pomonok, Electchester, Flushing

Mary Maggio – CHAIR, Carolann Foley, Frank Magri, 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

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

We Wish You Happy Holidays!

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

- ◇ The Minutes of the October 30, 2019 Board Meeting were unanimously approved by 33 members.
- ◇ Chairperson Taylor expressed her condolences to Board Member Maria DeInnocentiis whose mother [Liliana N. Corso] passed away over the weekend. Elke Maerz who oversees the Sunshine Fund will send her a fruit basket on behalf of the Board.
- ◇ Chairperson Taylor announced that there was a scheduled public hearing the previous night for a BSA variance request for the Young Israel of Queens Valley. Mr. Jay Goldstein, the attorney, requested that the item be tabled to allow his client time to work with the neighbors and members of the synagogue. The Zoning Committee requested this information in writing. Mr. Goldstein submitted a letter to the Board the next day, as promised.
- ◇ Chairperson Taylor informed everyone that in their CB8 Member packets, there is a list of proposed CB8 meeting dates for 2020. She asked the Board Members to review them and let the District Manager know of any issues. The meeting dates will be finalized in December.
- ◇ Chairperson Taylor also announced that the Board received a letter from the Kew Gardens Hills Re-zoning Committee thanking the Community Board 8 Members for their support.

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The next CB8 meeting will be on **Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.**
Minutes of Board Meetings are available on our website: www.nyc.gov/queenscb8 within two weeks.

A Word from the District Manager ...

Dear Community Board 8 Resident:

You probably have seen public service announcements on television, billboards and social media about the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine that protects against cancers caused by HPV. This vaccine is recommended for all children between the ages of 11 and 12 years old. Have you wondered how our community is faring in getting our children protected? Well, it is not good.

Only 43% of teenagers ages 13 to 17 in our district have received all the recommended doses, according to the latest NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's (DOH & MH) Community Health Profiles. In contrast, Community District 2 in the Bronx has 85% of their teenagers inoculated. Citywide, 59% of teenagers have been vaccinated and the borough of Queens has only 52%. We could be doing much better.

According to the Center for Disease Control, HPV infections can cause:

- *cancers of the cervix, vagina, and vulva in women;*
- *cancer of the penis in men;*
- *and cancers of the anus and back of the throat, including the base of the tongue and tonsils (oropharynx) in men and women.*

Furthermore, every year in the United States, 31,500 women and men are diagnosed with a cancer caused by this viral infection. The CDC also wrote that over 120 million doses of the HPV vaccine have been distributed since the vaccine was licensed, and data continue to show the vaccine is safe and effective.

*With this new information, I hope that when DOH & MH releases its next Community Health Profile that the inoculation rate for our district has greatly improved. If you find this information helpful, please share 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 or to receive the **Newsletter earlier**, please contact us at 718-264-7895 and provide your email address. This information is also available on our website: www.nyc.gov/queenscb8.*

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Committee Reports:

Health Minute with Dr. Penny Stern, Health Committee Chair: Dr. Penny Stern gave tips on snow removal for keeping your body safe.

Steven Konigsberg, Zoning Chair:

BSA Cal. No. 23-08-BZ, 80-14 Chevy Chase Street – A Public Hearing was held to discuss the application for Block 7248 lot 44 aka 80-14 Chevy Chase Street on Thursday, September 12, 2019. This application is pursuant to sections 72-01 and 72-22 of the Zoning Resolution of the City of New York, as amended, to request an amendment of the previously granted variance under BSA Cal. No. 23-08-BZ (the “Prior Variance”), to permit modification of the previously-approved plans. This would legalize the existing Synagogue by allowing a larger assembly space in the cellar with an accessory kitchen.

Count in favor: 1 **Opposed: 32 **Abstained: 0****

Variances Pending Community Board 8 Q's Review/Vote

BSA Calendar No.: 2019-277-BZ
Block 7248 Lot 44
81-04 166th Street
Jamaica, NY 11432

This application seeks a variance to build a house of worship whereby:
◇The proposed Floor Area Ratio (FAR) exceeds the maximum permitted.
◇The proposed Front Yard and Setback is less than the required 15'.
◇The proposed Height exceeds 25'.
◇The proposed minimum required Side Yard is less than the required 11".

The Public Hearing for
this variance has been
Postponed!

Original Date: ~~12/2/19~~

New Date: TBD



Discolored Water

While it is not harmful, residents should not drink obviously discolored water. If you notice brown or discolored water coming from your tap, call **311** or [file a report online](#), so we can follow up.

Recurring Brown Water

Brown or discolored water is often related to plumbing corrosion problems inside buildings and from rusting hot water heaters. If you have an ongoing problem with brown water, it may be due to rusty pipes. You should run your cold water for 2–3 minutes if it has not been used for a long period of time. This will flush the line.

Sudden Brown Water

If your water suddenly looks discolored, it might be because of a disturbance to nearby water mains, including breaks or repairs. This can also happen if there is construction near your building. Additionally, the use of fire hydrants for firefighting can temporarily cause brown water. Because the water mains are pressurized, a disturbance may stir up or resuspend sediments, which causes the water to be discolored. Discoloration is a temporary condition most often from iron and manganese particles that have settled to the bottom of the water pipes buried under the roadways. Any sudden change in the flow of water within the pipes or outside vibration, may loosen or resuspend the brownish/red/orange particles of iron into the water. This temporary problem is generally resolved or reduced when our field staff flush water from nearby hydrants.

No Trash, Recycling nor Curbside Compost Collection will occur on **Christmas Day** (Wednesday, December 25, 2019) nor **New Year's Day** (January 1, 2020)

- ◇ Residents who normally receive **trash and compost collection** on these days should place their materials out at curbside after 4 p.m. on the evening of the holiday for next day collection.
- ◇ Residents should hold their **recyclables** until the following week for collection.

In addition, all DSNY administrative offices will be closed on **December 25th** and **January 1st** in observance of the holiday.





QUEENS PUBLIC LIBRARY
We speak your language.

Friends of Fresh Meadows
Be A Friend!

Join your Library Friends Chapter

Saturday, November 16 @ 2:30 pm
Thursday, December 19 @ 6:00 pm

Fresh Meadows

193-20 Horace Harding Expressway
718.454.7272
Q17 Q30 Q88
Admission is free

What Does a Friends Chapter Do?

- Create public support for the Library
- Sponsor programs designed to enhance the cultural life of the community
- Work with library staff on legislative advocacy
- Encourage volunteer assistance
- Provide direct financial assistance by working with library staff to purchase special items not included in the library budget

Please complete and return this form to Friends of the Library,
c/o Queens Library, GCA, 89-11 Merrick Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11432

I would like to be enrolled as a member of the Friends of the Library

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City/State _____ Zip _____

Your Community Library: FRESH MEADOWS

My areas of interest are:

- _____ Assisting in programs and projects
- _____ Serving on the Friends Legislative Committee
- _____ Serving on the Friends Membership Committee
- _____ Working as a Volunteer

If you have any questions or would like more information call Camille T. Barrett
in Government and Community Affairs
at 718-990-8583
or email: Camille.T.Barrett@queenslibrary.org.

PROTECTIONS BASED ON IMMIGRATION STATUS AND NATIONAL ORIGIN

In New York City, you cannot be discriminated against because of your actual or perceived immigration status or your national origin in employment, housing, and public spaces such as stores, hospitals, and movie theaters. You have rights regardless of your immigration status:

- It is illegal for a person's employer, coworkers, or housing provider such as landlords to use derogatory or offensive terms to intimidate, humiliate, or degrade people, including by using the term "illegal alien," where its use is intended to demean, humiliate, or offend another person.
- It is illegal for employers to pay workers lower wages or no wages or threaten to call Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to harass, scare, or intimidate workers because of their immigration status.
- Under federal law, employers must ask potential employees for certain documents to prove work authorization. However, it is illegal for employers to demand additional documents to prove work authorization because of assumptions about a worker's immigration status or national origin.
- It is NOT illegal for an employer to refuse to hire someone because they do not have work authorization. However, employers may not require different or additional documentation for job applicants based on their immigration status or national origin.
- It is illegal for landlords or other housing providers to refuse to sell, rent, or lease housing—or to do so with different terms, conditions, or privileges—because of someone's immigration status or national origin.
- It is illegal for landlords or other housing providers to harass tenants because of a tenant's immigration status or national origin.
- It is illegal for landlords or other housing providers to refuse to do repairs or to provide substandard housing conditions because of a tenant's immigration status or national origin.
- It is illegal for landlords or other housing providers to threaten to call ICE to harass, scare, or intimidate tenants because of their immigration status.
- It is illegal for restaurants, stores, hospitals, or any other public accommodation to refuse to serve people or make them feel unwelcome because of their immigration status or national origin. Discriminating against customers because of their accent, limited English proficiency, or use of another language is illegal.
- It is illegal to punish or retaliate against someone because they took action against discriminatory practices, such as complaining at their workplace, or filing a complaint with the NYC Commission on Human Rights or another agency.

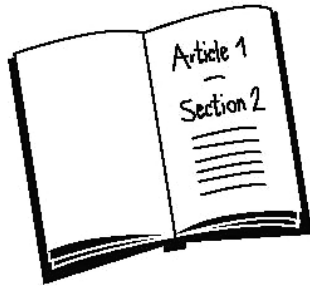
If you believe you have been discriminated against because of your immigration status, national origin, or membership in another protected class, please contact the Commission at 311 or at (718) 722-3131 to file a complaint of discrimination.

CENSUS 101: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The 2020 Census is closer than you think!
Here's a quick refresher of what it is and why it's essential that everyone is counted.

Everyone counts.

The census counts every person living in the United States once, only once, and in the right place.

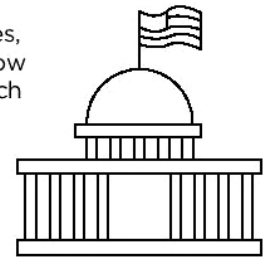


It's in the Constitution.

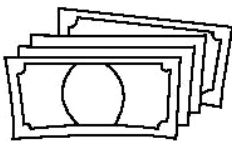
The U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years. The first census was in 1790.

It's about fair representation.

Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.



It's about \$675 billion.



The distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds, grants, and support to states, counties, and communities are based on census data.

That money is spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works, and other vital programs.



It's about redistricting.

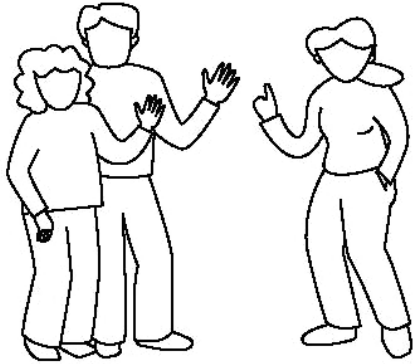
After each decade's census, state officials redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts in their states to account for population shifts.

Taking part is your civic duty.

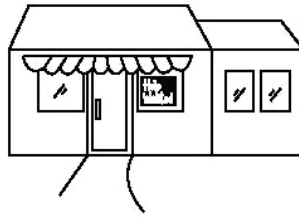
Completing the census is mandatory: it's a way to participate in our democracy and say "I COUNT!"



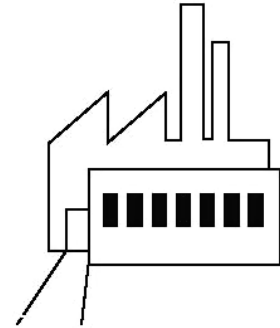
Census data are being used all around you.



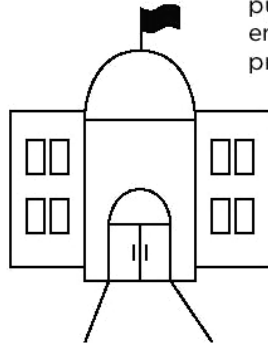
Residents use the census to support community initiatives involving legislation, quality-of-life, and consumer advocacy.



Businesses use census data to decide where to build factories, offices, and stores, which create jobs.



Local governments use the census for public safety and emergency preparedness.



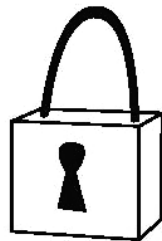
Real estate developers use the census to build new homes and revitalize old neighborhoods.



Your privacy is protected.

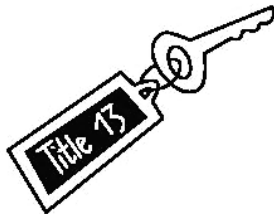
It's against the law for the Census Bureau to publicly release your responses in any way that could identify you or your household.

By law, your responses cannot be used against you and can only be used to produce statistics.



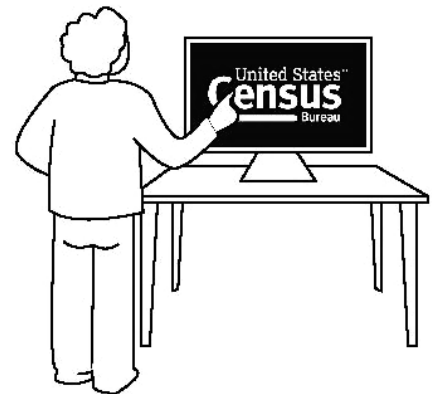
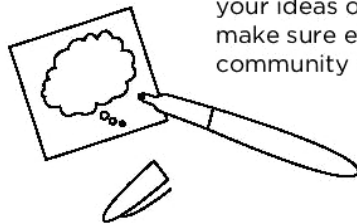
2020 will be easier than ever.

In 2020, you will be able to respond to the census online.



You can help.

You are the expert—we need your ideas on the best way to make sure everyone in your community gets counted.



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FIND OUT HOW TO HELP AT
[2020CENSUS.GOV/PARTNERS](https://2020census.gov/partners)

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*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???

It came to our attention that many CB8 residents are not properly disposing of their cardboard boxes. Please see the regulations below on this matter:

Recyclable Materials

Recyclable materials must be kept separate from trash, and garbage may not be placed in recycling receptacles.

16 RCNY 1-08 (h) (2) (i) and (ii) Residential

1 to 8 dwelling unitsFine: \$25.. 1st Offense
 Fine: \$50.. 2nd Offense
 Fine: \$100.. 3rd+ Offense

Large Items (*items that do not fit into a container or bag*)

DSNY provides free curbside removal of large non-commercial “bulk” items. Bulk items shall be set out using the same schedule and guidelines as regular garbage or recycling receptacles,; however, items must not be placed in the street, extend in front of another property, or impede pedestrian traffic. If you have a large quantity of items (for example, more than a dozen) you should consider placing them out over several collection days.

Flattened corrugated cardboard must be tied together with sturdy twine into bundles no more than 18 inches high, or may be broken down into small pieces and placed in recycling receptables or in clear bags. Newspapers, magazines, catalogs, and phone books may also be bundled instead of using receptacles. In buildings with mechanical collection, corrugated cardboard boxes must be collapsed before placing into designated dumpsters.

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Queens Borough President Melinda Katz's

African American Heritage Committee

2020 Scholarship Information & Instructions

Each year the African American Heritage Committee awards scholarships to graduating High School seniors pursuing a post-secondary education. Recipients receive a monetary award for academic expenses. **Applicants must be residents of Queens. Interested high school seniors must submit a completed application with an official high school transcript by 5 p.m. on January 10, 2020.** Scholarship recipients will be notified by January 31, 2020. **The online application can be found at: www.queensbp.org/aahcscholarshipapp/**

Answer each question completely. The academic questions refer to the student's High School experience. Each question is carefully considered in the evaluation of each application. Please note: grammar and overall presentation are considered.

Transcripts must be submitted separately and can be forwarded via email to: sanderson@queensbp.org or fax at: 718-286-3134.

Scholarship Awards will be issued at
Queens Borough President Melinda Katz's
Black History Month Celebration
Wednesday, February 26, 2020
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
Event start time: 6:00 p.m.

Queens Borough Hall
Helen Marshall Cultural Center
120-55 Queens Boulevard
Kew Gardens, NY 11424



VOLUNTEER AT THE QUEENS ZOO!

Working to save wildlife and wild places

Volunteer for the education department at the Queens Zoo and dive into a world of wildlife conservation. The mission of the Wildlife Conservation Society is to save wildlife and wild places. In education, we achieve this by inspiring people through hands-on, inquiry-based experiences. These experiences are set alongside our magnificent wild animal collection here at the Queens Zoo. We have multiple positions available for volunteers. Questions?

Email qzvolunteers@wcs.org.

Now accepting applications! Apply online at:

<https://queenszoo.com/volunteering/adult-volunteers>



Inspire people to love animals!

Talk about conservation in the wild!

Work with a group of like-minded individuals committed to saving wildlife!

Multiple positions available.

Apply today!

QUEENS ZOO

53-51 111th St
Corona, NY 11368

(718) 271-1500

www.queenszoo.com/volunteering

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION (S)



- ◆ **Mamilla NYC Inc.**
185-01 Union Turnpike, Fresh Meadows - *New Full Liquor License*
- ◆ **Hashem Melech, Inc. d/b/a Bravo Pizza**
69-26/28 Main Street, Flushing - *Renewal of Full Liquor License*
- ◆ **Jamaica 153 Corp. d/b/a Riko**
153-37 Hillside Ave, Jamaica - *Renewal of Wine, Beer, & Cider 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.

CITY PARKING RULES

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



Immaculate Conception.....Sun., Dec. 8th
Christmas Day.....Wed. Dec. 25th

Remember, parking meters are still in effect.

DEMOLITION NOTICE/VACATE ORDER



Demolition Notice (DOB)

- 137-15 72nd Road - House
- 82-11 172nd Street - House
- 61-40 148th Street - Garage
- 150-01 Coolidge Avenue - House (Partial)
- 76-39 171st Street - Garage

Vacate Order (HPD)

- 170-10 Cedarcroft Road - Fire Damage

NYPD BUILD THE BLOCK MEETING SECTOR A

Fresh Meadows

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2019

Time: 6:15 p.m. (*Doors open*)
6:30 p.m. (*Meeting starts*)

St. John's University (Conference Room)
8000 Utopia Parkway
Jamaica, NY 11439

Neighborhood Coordinating Officers:

- *Officer Jessica Arrubla*
- *Officer Albert Trotter*

*For accommodations regarding any disability, please contact:
Sergeant Chris Burke at 718 969-6191 or email
Christophe.Burke@nypd.org by 12/6/2019*

NYPD BUILD THE BLOCK MEETING SECTOR B

Cunningham Heights & Holliswood

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2019

Time: 7:15 p.m. (*Doors open*)
7:30 p.m. (*Meeting starts*)

Saint Francis Preparatory School
6100 Francis Lewis Boulevard
Fresh Meadows, NY 11365

Neighborhood Coordinating Officers:

- *Officer Anna Golembiowski*
- *Officer Christopher Ward*

*For accommodations regarding any disability, please contact:
Sergeant Chris Burke at 718 969-6191 or email
Christophe.Burke@nypd.org by 12/16/2019*



**Happy
Kwanzaa!**

December 2019

Community Board 8, Queens



**Happy
Chanukah!**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 1 Advent	2 Transportation Committee Mtg. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Avenue 7:30 p.m.	3	4	5	6	7
 8 Bodhi Day	9	 10	11 Board Meeting Hillcrest J.C. 183-02 Union Turnpike 7:30 p.m.	12	13	14
15	16	17 Liquor License Committee Mtg. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Avenue 7:30 p.m.	18	19	20	21
 22 First Day of Chanukah	23	24	 25 We are Closed	 26 First Day	27	28
29	 30 Last Day of Chanukah	 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