



February

COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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Honorable Melinda Katz

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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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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, Dilafrooz Ahmed, Bhitihara-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

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Mary Maggio – CHAIR, Monica Corbett, Carolann Foley, Frank Magri, Rachele Van Arsdale and Stanley Weinblatt

Area 6 – Utopia, Fresh Meadows, West Cunningham Park

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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

The Neighborhood Coordination Officers are Here!

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

- The Minutes of December 13, 2017 Board Meeting were unanimously approved by 35 members.
- **Chairperson Martha Taylor:**
Best wishes to Dr. Allen Bennett who is recuperating from surgery.
We received a greeting card from former Chairman Alvin Warshaviak wishing us all a Happy and Healthy New Year.

T-Building Report - The City Council fully approved the plans for the T-Building as-is and it includes the 8,000 square feet of rent free community space that CB8 lobbied for. In addition, there is an agreement that DHS will completely move-out of the Par Central Hotel; however, there is no time table yet for this to occur.

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Next Community Board 8 Meeting will be on **Wednesday, February 21, 2018** at 7:30 p.m.
Minutes of Board Meetings are available on our website: www.nyc.gov/queenscb8 within two weeks.

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In the past Seymour Schwartz met with Queens Community House (QCC) and a couple of other organizations that were interested in using the space. If approved QCC would use the space for programs for all ages. It is understood now that any organization would have to go through the City's RFP process. No support letter is needed at this time. Seymour Schwartz will continue to monitor the progress closely on behalf of the Board.

She wished well to Susie Tanenbaum (BP's representative) who is doing better and is back to work from her surgery on a limited schedule.

Guest Speaker:

Thomas Bransky, CEO – Children's Community Services (CCS) – Mr. Bransky explained that CCS is the provider of social services for the homeless under the auspices of the Department of Homeless Services. He gave a presentation on the services currently offered at Par Central Hotel.

These are some of the highlights of his presentation:

- Par Central has about 52 families. Out of the 52 families, 18 are currently working. Working families have night passes for entering the hotel at night.
- Clients do not have keys to their units. They are escorted by staff.
- Security and panhandling issues were raised by the Board. Mr. Bransky agreed to personally visit the site to witness the panhandling and address this issue.
- Each client has a caseworker who works closely with them to place them in permanent housing.
- Amanda Nasner from the Department of Homeless Services stated that Par Central is not being turned into a permanent homeless shelter. She reiterated that these homeless families will be getting out of this hotel very soon - no date has been set.

QUEENS
symphony
ORCHESTRA

Romantic Rococo & Beatles Baroque

Friday, February 2 at 7:30 PM

Flushing Town Hall

137-35 Northern Blvd, Flushing, NY 11354

ADMISSION FREE



Join Maestro Martin Majkut and the Queens Symphony Orchestra for an intriguing evening of music making, featuring an eclectic mix of music by Tchaikovsky, Villa Lobos and The Beatles!

Villa-Lobos: Bachianas Brasileiras No. 9
Tchaikovsky: Variations on Rocono Theme
Scott Balantyne, Cello Soloist
Breiner: the Beatles Go Baroque

ADMISSION IS FREE – RESERVATIONS ARE RECOMMENDED

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/romantic-rococo-beatles-baroque-with-martin-majkut-conductor-tickets-42234379165>

A Word from the District Manager ...

Dear Community Board 8 Resident:

Great news! The long awaited Neighborhood Coordination Officers (NCOs) started working with our community on January 22, 2018. Community leaders met recently; had the opportunity to learn about this new way of policing. The 107th Police Precinct gained additional officers to implement this change .

How will this work? Our precinct has been divided into quadrants: 107A, 107B, 107C and 107D. Each quadrant will have two (2) NCOs in addition to twelve (12) Sector Officers. The name of the NCOs and their contact information will be available to the public. You will, of course, continue to contact 911 for emergencies and matters that require immediate attention. If you have identified recurring issues and/or problem locations, you can contact 311 or contact your NCOs . They will work to address these issues.

*What is the role of the NCOs? Their primary role is to **fight crime**. Since they are always assigned to the same quadrant they will become intimately familiar with the businesses, houses of worship, schools and residents of that quadrant. This will enable them to be in a better position to solve the neighborhood problems, address quality of life conditions and develop even better relations with the community.*

In the near future, the Precinct will have a website with information about the NCOs. Each quadrant will hold quarterly meetings to address issues specific to the area that they cover. The 107th Precinct Council will continue to meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the precinct (71-01 Parsons Boulevard) at 8 p.m. to address issues for the precinct as a whole. To find out when your neighborhood meeting will be, please go to: www.buildtheblock.nyc and type your address.

There will be a social media presence through Facebook and Twitter. If you provide your cellular telephone number, they will contact you through text messages to keep you informed.

*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!***

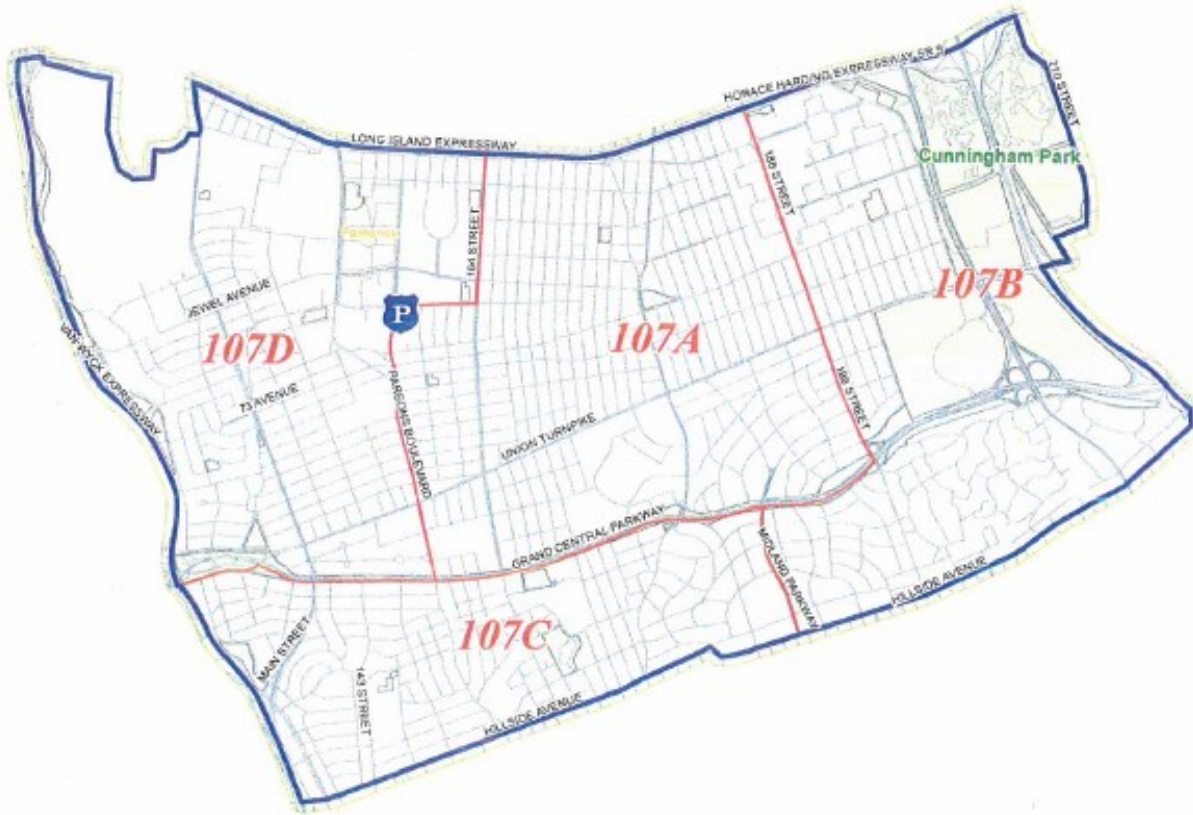
Sincerely,

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/queensch8. Remember to “Like” us on

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107TH PRECINCT - NEW SECTORS



Legend

- NYPD Station House
- Street / Highway
- Precinct Boundary
- Sector Boundary
- NYCHA Property
- Parks



Community Board 8 Q
welcomes our
Neighborhood Coordination Officers (NCOs)



Officers from left to right and role:

Officer Nicholas Afanasewicz (107D), Officer Viral Bhatt (107D), Officer Albert Trotter (107A), Officer Jeffrey Audry (107B), Sergeant Christophe Burke [Supervises the NCOs], Officer Terrence Shepherd (NCO Operations Sergeant), Chief Fox (Retired), Officer Eric Andersen (107C), Officer Jessica Arrubla (107A), Officer Shawqi Ahmed (107C) and Officer Elvisa Kolenovic(107B).

P.O. Albert Trotter	107A	Albert.Trotter@nypd.org	917 455-6591
P.O. Jessica Arrubla	107A	Jessica.Arrubla@nypd.org	929 371-5909
P.O. Elvisa Kolenovic	107B	Elvisa.Kolenovic@nypd.org	929 343-7628
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P.O. Shawqi Ahmed	107C	Shawqi.Ahmed@nypd.org	917 499-8407
P.O. Viral Bhatt	107D	Viral.Bhatt@nypd.org	917 943-7742
P.O. Nicholas Afanasewicz	107D	Nicholas.Afanasewicz@nypd.org	917 742-1946



*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???

Mandatory E-Cycling

Since **January 1, 2015**, the following electronic equipment can no longer be disposed of in the trash:

TVs, Monitors, Computers, Laptops, Mice, Keyboards, Small servers, printers/scanners, Tablets/e-readers, MP3 Players, VCRs/DVDs/DVR players, Fax machines, Video game consoles, Cable/satellite boxes.

Manufacturers of computers, televisions, and other electronics are required to accept their products for recycling under New York State law and provide free take-back programs.

You can also dispose of your unwanted electronics for free through Drop-off programs at retailers and sanitation locations and Community Recycling events.

Bring your item to the Sanitation Drop off site in Queens at: **College Point at 30th Avenue, between 120th and 122nd Streets, at the northwest corner of the DSNY Queens District 7 garage.**

You may receive a fine of **\$100** if you improperly dispose of your electronic equipment.

PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY - Learn about Mail Fishing & Check Washing

Mailbox fishing is the process in which thieves gain entry into the interior of mailboxes and steal mail. The purpose of stealing the mail is to obtain checks, credit/debit/gift cards and other personally identifiable information that would allow the thief and others to gain access to your finances.

What can I do to prevent mailbox fishing?

- When you use a mailbox, deposit the mail as close to the scheduled pick-up time as possible.
- Drop mail containing check and any other personally identifiable information directly at the Post Office or hand it directly to your mail carrier.
- Use a pen with pigmented (permanent) ink to write checks out. This ink prevents the altering of your checks.
- Whether you use the US Mail or other methods to move your money, remember to make record of the transaction, in case you need it for future reference.

Check washing is a process in which thieves use common household products to alter checks they stole out of mailboxes. They then make the checks payable to themselves or other parties.

What can you do to prevent your checks from being altered?

- Use a pen with pigmented (permanent) ink to write checks. The ink is not easy to alter.
- Shred any voided or incorrectly written checks
- Check your account balance frequently to ensure checks were cleared by the establishment that you wrote them out to.

Note that thieves usually rewrite the check for the original amount that you wrote, but simply change the payee name.





LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION (S)

- ♦ **UCT Clearview Restaurant Corp. d/b/a Peking House**
185-23 Union Turnpike in Flushing, *Renewal full Liquor License*
- ♦ **PJ's Dance Charisma**
71-46 Main Street in Flushing, *Renewal 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.

CITY PARKING RULES

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



Lincoln's Birthday.....Monday, February 12th
Ash Wednesday.....Wednesday, February 14th
Asian Lunar New Year.....Friday, February 16th
President's Day.....Monday, February 19th
Remember, parking meters are still in effect.

Street Activity/Block Party Permit Request



There are no Street Activity/Block Party scheduled for the month of February

DEMOLITION/VACATE NOTICE



• **170-20 Highland Avenue** - Demolition (*partial*)

• **86-47 Santiago Street** - Vacate Order .
First floor partially collapsed due to fire on 1/20/18. Shoring posts damaged. Building is open.
Remedy - Seal all openings at the building.



TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Tax filing (*Last client accepted at 7:30 p.m.*)
Financial Counselling: Noon - 5:00 p.m.
Resource Fair: Noon - 5:00 p.m.

DATE: Saturday, February 10, 2018

PLACE: Flushing High School

35-01 Union Street
Flushing, NY 11354



At this special event:

- **File your taxes for FREE**
- **Get FREE one-on-one professional financial counseling.**
- **Get FREE screening for local, state and federal health and human service benefits to find out if you are eligible.**
- **Enjoy fun kids activities**
- **Attend the Resource Fair**

**Can't attend this particular event?
For information about NYC Free Tax Prep:**

Visit nyc.gov/taxprep or call **311** and ask for tax preparation assistance.

Text **Taxes** to **42033** to get updates. (*Message and data rates may apply. Check with your service provider.*)

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**Financial
Empowerment
Center**

February 2018

African American History Month

Community Board 8, Queens

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				 <p>John S. Rock Born in 1825 1st A.A. Lawyer to Supreme Court</p>	 <p>Ernest E. Just 1st NAACP Spingarn Medal in 1915</p>	 <p>Bill White 1st African American elected Pres. of Baseball's National League 1989</p>
 <p>Rosa Parks Civil Right Activist Born in 1913</p>	 <p>Willie Johnson Inventor Patent for Egg Beater in 1884</p>	 <p>Arthur Ashe Tennis Legend Dies in 1993</p>	 <p>Eubie Blake Ragtime Composer Born in 1883</p>	 <p>Debi Thomas Figure Skater Wins Senior Singles (1986)</p>	 <p>Alice Walker Novelist Born in 1944</p>	<p>U.S. House of Representatives passed the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by a vote of 290-130</p>
 <p>Nelson Mandela ANC Leader Released from South African Jail 1990</p>	 <p>President Abraham Lincoln's Birthday</p>	 <p>Formation of National Negro Baseball League 1920</p>	 <p>Happy Valentine's Day</p>	 <p>Nat King Cole Jazz Musician Dies in 1965</p>	 <p>Levar Burton Actor Born in 1957</p>	 <p>James D. Montgomery Civil Rights Attorney Born in 1932</p>
 <p>Toni Morrison Nobel Peace Prize Recipient for Literature Born 1931</p>	 <p>HAPPY PRESIDENTS DAY</p>	 <p>Sidney Poitier 1st A.A. Recipient Academy Award</p>	<p>CB8 Meeting 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest J.C. 183-02 Union Turnpike</p>	 <p>Frank E. Peterson Jr. 1st Black General in Marine Corp. 1979</p>	 <p>W. E. B. Dubois Author Born in 1868</p>	 <p>Rebecca Lee 1st Black Woman receives an M.D. degree 1864</p>
 <p>Hiram Rhodes Sworn -in 1st A.A. U.S. Senator 1870</p>	<p>XV Amendment Right to Vote will not be denied based on race 1869</p>	 <p>John W. Menard 1st Black to speak in Congress 1869</p>	<p>Richard Spikes Invented/patented the automatic gear shift 1932</p> 			

The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members. ~ Coretta Scott King