



February

COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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OFFICERS

CHAIRPERSON: Martha Taylor
DISTRICT MANAGER: Marie Adam-Ovide
1st VICE CHAIR: Stanley Weinblatt
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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

Jatma Reyes, Community Associate
Izabela Szczepanska, Community Assistant
Marleah DesRuisseaux, Community Assistant

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 “Dehwar” Islam, Paul Lazauskas and Frances Peterson

Area 4 – Flushing Heights, Flushing Suburban, Hillcrest

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

Area 5 – Georgetown Mews, Pomonok, Electchester, Flushing

Mary Maggio – CHAIR, Monica Corbett, 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

It's African American History Month!

Community Board 8, Queens

Hillcrest Jewish Center

183-02 Union Turnpike (Auditorium)

Fresh Meadows, NY 11366

- The Minutes of December 12, 2018 Board Meeting were unanimously approved by 32 members.
- **Guest Speaker** - Due to the Federal Government shutdown, the speaker from the 2020 Census was unavailable and will address Community Board 8 at a future meeting.
- **Chairperson Martha Taylor** thanked Detective Thomas Motta who is one of the Community Affairs Officer from the 107th Precinct. He will be retiring soon and has served in this position for the last nine (9) years. He has been a police officer for about 30 years. He provided exemplary service to our community and CB8 wish him well!
- **Chief David Barrere and Deputy Inspector Scott Henry** - Spoke highly of Detective Motta's service to the community and wished him a happy retirement.
- **Assembly Member Nily Rozic** spoke about her press release on New York City Transit's proposal to decrease service on the Q46 service line in Queens. She is in opposition. Chairperson Taylor announced that the Executive Board has agreed to write and send out a letter in support of Assembly Member Rozic.

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Next Community Board 8 Meeting will be on **Wednesday, February 13, 2019** 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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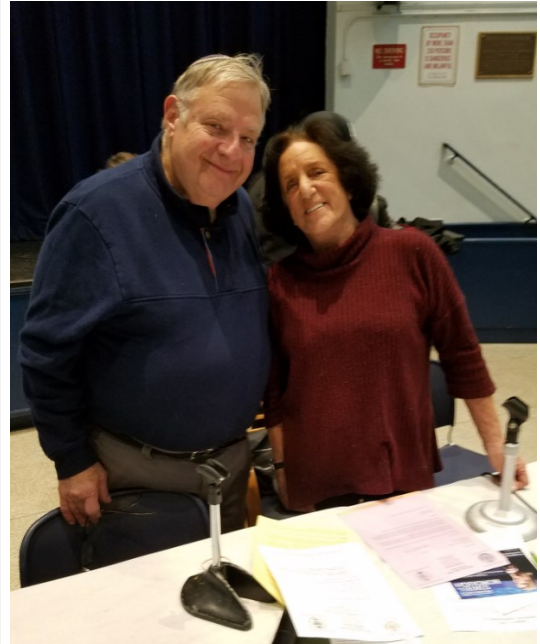
Assembly Member Rozic spoke about the issue of the multiple broken water service lines. She has been in contact with the Department of Environmental Protection and the Public Service Commission about this issue. She announced a scheduled press conference on 188th Street and 81st Avenue for *Sunday, January 13, 2019*. She will be joined by Assembly Member David I. Weprin, Council Member Barry Grodenchik and Council Member Rory Lancman to call upon Verizon to address the issue of stray voltage corroding the pipes. Assembly Member Rozic thanked Detective Motta for his Service.

Committee Reports:

Transportation Committee - Committee Chair Jesse Rosenbaum stated that a letter has been drafted to the MTA in support of Assembly Member Rozic's letter against decreasing service on the Q46 [*approved*].

Judicial Review and Community Jail - Executive Board Member Kevin Forrestal announced that this item has been tabled until the next meeting.

We were honored to have a visit from former CB8 Chair Alvin Warshaviak.



Picture of former Chair Alvin Warshaviak with current CB8 Chair Martha Taylor. 01/09/2019

A Word from the District Manager ...

Dear Community Board 8 Resident:

Br-r-r! Winter is in full swing and most of us layer up to protect ourselves from the cold. During these times, remember our furry friends (dogs and cats). If you love them, bring them in and keep them inside!

*According to the American Veterinarian Society, “Cats and dogs should be kept inside during cold weather. It's a common belief that dogs and cats are more resistant than people to cold weather because of their fur, but it's untrue. Like people, cats and dogs are susceptible to frostbite and hypothermia and should be kept inside. Longer-haired and thick-coated dog breeds, such as huskies and other dogs bred for colder climates, are more tolerant of cold weather; **but no pet should be left outside for long periods in below-freezing weather.**”*

If you are concerned about a pet that is being neglected, abused or has been left outside in this weather, file a complaint with 311 or contact us. New York State has laws against animal cruelty and they are enforced by the NYPD.

*If you find this information useful, please help spread the word by sharing it with your friends, 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 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.*



Assemblymember Daniel A. Rosenthal

Friday, February 8, 2019

10:00 a.m. - Noon

Kew Gardens Hills

Public Library

72-33 Vleigh Place

Flushing, NY 11367

This is a FREE event!

Receive one-on-one assistance regarding your property taxes with the New York City Department of Finance and the Tax Commission.

If you need an accommodation to apply for and receive a service due to a disability, please contact the Disability Service Facilitator at nyc.gov/contactdofeeo or by calling 311.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn how you can lower your taxes by disputing your property's assessed value, changing your property's description, and filing for exemptions.

All participants will be given the chance to speak directly with a representative from the NYC Department of Finance as well as the Tax Commission.

For more information, please contact:

**Assembly Member Daniel A. Rosenthal - (718) 696-1508 or rosenthald@nyassembly.gov
159-06 71st Avenue, Flushing, NY 11365**

NYC Public Advocate

The job of the Public Advocate is, most fundamentally, that of a watchdog, ensuring that all New Yorkers receive the City services they deserve and have a voice in shaping the policies of their government. As an ex-officio member of all Council committees with the power to introduce legislation, the Public Advocate is an important participant in the legislative process. Through the office's powers of appointment, the Public Advocate also influences City planning, the budget process, and the management of retirement funds.

The above is an excerpt from: <http://archive.advocate.nyc.gov/role-public-advocate>

Most importantly, if the Mayor is temporarily incapacitated the Public Advocate can assume the position. If he/she cannot finish his/her term then the Public Advocate replaces the Mayor until a new one is voted in. On **Tuesday, February 26, 2019**, there will be a **Special Election** to fill this city government position. It was vacated by the former Public Advocate Letitia James who became the NYS Attorney General.

Make an informed decision before you vote...

The NYC Campaign Finance Board announced that 10 candidates have met the financial threshold to participate in the first official debate of the 2019 Public Advocate Special election, airing **Wednesday, February 6th at 7:00 p.m.** [NY1]. These 10 candidates are:

Michael Blake, Rafael Espinal Jr., Ron Kim, Nomiki Konst, Melissa Mark-Viverito, Daniel O'Donnell, Ydanis Rodriguez, Dawn Smalls, Eric Ulrich and Jumaane Williams.

Build The Block Meetings and more...

SECTOR A

Fresh Meadows

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Time: 6:30 p.m. (*Doors open*)
7:00 p.m. (*Meeting starts*)

Location: Hillcrest Jewish Center
183-02 Union Turnpike
Fresh Meadows, NY

Neighborhood Coordinating Officers:

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

For accommodations regarding any disability, please contact:

Sergeant Chris Burke at 718 969-6191 or
Christophe.Burke@nypd.org by 02/24/2019

SECTOR D

Kew Gardens Hills

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Time: 6:30 p.m. (*Doors open*)
7:00 p.m. (*Meeting starts*)

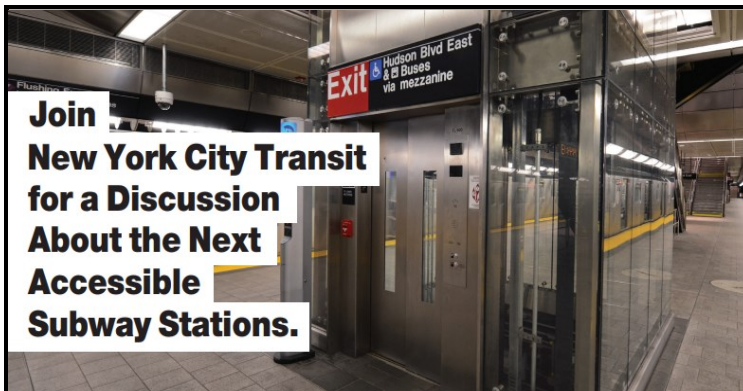
Location: Queens College
65-21 Main Street - Rm 120
Flushing, NY
(*Parking available*)

Neighborhood Coordinating Officers:

- *Officer Nicholas Afanasewicz*
- *Officer Viral Bhatt*

For accommodations regarding any disability, please contact:

Sergeant Chris Burke at 718 969-6191 or
Christophe.Burke@nypd.org by 02/17/2019



Wednesday, February 6, 2019

**2 Broadway - Ronan Board Room, 20th Fl.
New York, NY 10004**

6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Directions:

Subway: ① South Ferry 

④ ⑤ to Bowling Green 

Bus: M15, M20 or M55

Book your AAR trip with the MYmta app.

All are welcome to attend, including disability advocates, elected officials and members of the general public.

RSVP to Accessibility@NYCT.com (RSVP preferred but not required).

For security purposes, you will be required to provide a U.S. government-issued photo identification upon entry of the facility. RSVPs will help facilitate entry into the building.



This event has been scheduled at a location that is accessible to people with mobility disabilities. An American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter, Computer-Aided Real Time Translation (CART) and an induction loop assistive listening system will also be available. Use the new MYmta app or call 511 to plan your trip.



Look who's hiring!

NYPD TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT AGENTS

Keeping the streets of New York City safe and moving

Benefits include:

- Potentially earn over \$38,000 after 1 year
- Competitive benefits
- Promotional opportunities
- Various assignment levels
- Retirement plan



For more information about becoming an NYPD Traffic Enforcement Agent, please visit our website.



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212-RECRUIT



NYC We're Hiring!

Rain Garden Maintainers

DEP, in partnership with various City agencies, constructs green infrastructure rain gardens for the purpose of storm water capture and improved water quality of NYC waterways. Green infrastructure rain gardens combine engineered storm water capture with the natural elements of soils and plants, and require particular and specialized care and maintenance. The majority of rain gardens are sited in Brooklyn, Queens and the Bronx. DEP is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of these green infrastructure systems.

As **Seasonal City Park Workers**, the selected candidates will:

- Assist in general maintenance work, including edging, seeding, snow removal, cultivating, fertilizing, trimming, sweeping, removal of sediments and raking of litter
- Clean and maintain the facilities including drainage structures
- Drive vehicles and operate certain other motorized equipment.

Valid NYS Driver's License is required and must be maintained for the duration of employment.

Salary: \$16.14 p/hr. - 40 hr. work week

Interviews are scheduled to take place on February 4 & 11, 2019. If you would like to be considered for an interview, please complete an online application via:

nyc.gov/careers

Job ID #376882 - Rain Garden Maintainer

DEP is an Equal Opportunity Employer, www.nyc.gov/dep

2020 CENSUS JOBS

Are you a U.S. Citizen who is 18 or older?

Are you fluent in Japanese, Tagalog and/or Vietnamese?

The 2020 Census may have a job for you in one of the five counties of NYC.

Japanese, Tagalog and Vietnamese Partnership Specialists are needed.

Go to: <https://2020census.gov/jobs>



*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???

Snow and Ice Removal

Every owner, lessee, tenant, occupant, or other person having charge of any lot or building must clean snow and/or ice from the sidewalk within 4 hours after the snow has stopped falling, or by 11:00 a.m. if the snow has stopped falling after 9:00 p.m. the previous evening.

Snow may **NOT** be thrown into the street.

If the snow or ice becomes frozen so hard that it cannot be removed, the sidewalk may be strewn with ashes, sand, sawdust, or similar suitable material within the same time limits. The sidewalk must be thoroughly cleaned as soon as the weather permits.

§16-123 FINE: \$100-\$150 - 1st Offense
\$150-\$350 - 2nd Offense
\$250-\$350 - 3rd & Subsequent Offenses



Borough President Katz

invites you to attend her

African American Heritage Month Event

Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
 Queens Borough Hall (The Forum)
 120-55 Queens Boulevard in Kew Gardens

*Community leaders will be recognized and
 graduating high school seniors will be
 awarded scholarships.*

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION (S)



- ♦ **P J Cardivan, Inc.**
189-25 Union Turnpike in Flushing, *Renewal of Full Liquor License*
- ♦ **OGMA Pizza, Inc. d/b/a John's Pizza**
83-40 Parsons Boulevard in Jamaica, *Renewal of Wine, Beer and Cider License*
- ♦ **Kissena Pizza Inc. d/b/a Valentino's Pizza**
71-47 Kissena Boulevard in Flushing, *Renewal of Wine, Beer and Cider License*
- ♦ **Salerno Corp. d/b/a Gino's of Kissena**
65-01 Kissena Boulevard in Flushing, *Renewal of Wine, Beer and 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.



Lunar New Year's Eve.....Tues., February 5th
Lincoln's Birthday.....Tues., February 12th
Washington's Birthday.....Mon., February 18th

Remember, parking meters are still in effect.

DEMOLITION/EXCAVATION NOTICE



84-19 Kent Street - Demolition (House & Garage)
73-36 179th Street - Demolition (Garage)
86-07 Kingston Place - Demolition (House & Garage)
86-11 Kingston Place - Demolition (House & Garage)
86-17 Kingston Place - Demolition (House & Garage)
61-40 148th Street - Demolition (Garage)
181-45 Aberdeen Road - Demolition (Garage)

NYCPD

PATROL BORO
QUEENS SOUTH

PR M DRIVE 2019

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

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

*Please drop off at ANY Queens South Community Affairs Office by April 20th
Contact Sgt. Clarke (917)681-5426*



THANK YOU ALL FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE



February 2019

Community Board 8, Queens

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i>
3	4	5 Executive Comte. Mtg. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Ave. 7:30 p.m. <i>Lunar New Year</i>	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Board Meeting Hillcrest J.C. 183-02 Union Turnpike 7:30 p.m.	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15	16
17	18 <i>President's Day</i> We're closed.	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 <i>Special Election for Public Advocate</i> (see page 3)	27	28		

"The forest was shrinking, but the trees kept voting for the axe as its handle was made of wood and they thought it was one of them." - Turkish Proverb