



February

COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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CB8's Socks for the Homeless Drive!

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

The Minutes of December 11, 2019 Board Meeting were approved by 30 members.

Chairperson Martha Taylor – Marleah DesRuisseaux, our part-time staffer recently left to join the NYPD. The part-time Community Assistant position will be posted on DCAS, on our website and in the local papers. CB8 was not notified of the Queens Advisory meeting for the Queens Borough Jail. We emailed and explicitly asked to be notified in the future.

Rabbi Manes Kogan – He spoke at the rally against hatred and anti-Semitism. He asked for invites from the community so he can answer questions about his religion.

Deputy Inspector Henry – 107th Precinct – Last week Chief Barrere chaired a meeting with all the Jewish Community Leaders about hate crimes. He asked that if someone sees something to give them a call and they will do their best to address it.

State Senator Leroy Comrie – He attended the rally against hate in Foley Square. He gave a synopsis of issues he is working on in Albany. They passed a law allowing adopted children to find their birth parents.

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The next CB8 meeting will be on **Wednesday, February 12, 2020** at 7:30 p.m.

Remember to please bring new socks for the homeless!

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:

*According to the Coalition for the homeless, thousands of people stay in the streets of New York City. Additionally, there is one item that is most needed by them; however, it is seldom received through donation drives - **socks!***

How can we make a difference as a community? Community Board 8 Queens will be collecting brand new socks at our office now and until February 14th and at our next monthly meeting on February 12th at the Hillcrest Jewish Center. These socks will be distributed to the homeless through a not-for-profit organization - Hungry Monk. This is being done in conjunction with Borough President Sharon Lee's Queens Week of Service. Here are ten facts about socks and health [from www.thejoyofsox.org]:

- 1. According to the **Mayo Clinic**, in cold enough conditions, frostbite can occur in 30 minutes or less! Warm, well-fitting socks can prevent this for many people.*
- 2. **Moisture-wicking socks** are especially important for those facing the summer heat and humidity. By pulling sweat away from the skin, conditions such as infections and blisters can be prevented.*
- 3. **Many bacteria and fungi thrive in warm, moist environments.** Access to clean, dry socks can go a long way in avoiding foot infections.*
- 4. **Those with diabetes especially need well fitting socks**, preferably Diabetic socks without seams that can rub and cause blisters.*
- 5. **Did you know that diabetic socks usually have invisible seams, and cause less friction on the skin?** This can prevent skin injury, infection and even amputations.*
- 6. **One million Americans had Type 2 Diabetes in 2012.** (American Diabetes Assoc.) Part of proper Diabetic foot care is access to appropriate sock wear.*
- 7. **Poor circulation puts feet at risk every day.** Proper socks can provide a simple, but important layer of protection between these feet and limb threatening conditions.*
- 8. **Clean, well-fitting socks are a vital part of keeping feet healthy!** The impact is immediate and ongoing!*
- 9. **Wearing the right socks for the right activity can go a long way towards foot health.** Those struggling with homelessness don't have that option. **But we can help!***
- 10. **Clean and well-fitting socks can be just as important as medication or insulin** for those that deal with diabetes.*

Please share this information 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.*

CB8's Socks for the Homeless Drive!

**Please Join
Community Board 8Q,
The MTA,
Council Member Rory Lancman,
State Senator John Liu,
&
Assembly Member David I. Weprin**



**On
Monday, March 16, 2020
7:30 p.m.**

**Hillcrest Jewish Center
183-02 Union Turnpike (Auditorium)
*Fresh Meadows***

We will review MTA proposals for the Queens Bus Redesign. We will have an interactive meeting where you will have the opportunity to state your opposition, your support or make recommendations for changes. To preview some of the proposed changes, please go online to: <https://new.mta.info/queensbusredesign>.

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Department of Buildings – Anthony Iuliano – He spoke about DOB’s Homeowner’s Night that is held every Tuesday night from 4-7 p.m. Some of the complaints received by DOB are converting garages into apartments and homes being rented to a large number of students. The Department hired additional inspectors for facades and additional staff to enforce inspections. Department of Small Business Services is working with the DOB and the City Council to create new commercial signage.

Borough President Sharon Lee – She will be acting Borough President until the special elections [3/24]; reminded the public of the importance to respond to the Census questionnaire; and the Queens Borough President’s Budget Hearing . She also reminded the public that all Board Member applications will be accepted until January 31st.

Committee Reports:

Health Minute with Dr. Penny Stern, Health Committee Chair: Dr. Stern informed everyone about “Burnout” and the need for everyone to find ways to relieve stress.

Bhitihara Martha Fulton, Parks Committee Chair: In December the committee reviewed plans for upgrading the Redwood Upper Playground. The Board will send a letter of support.

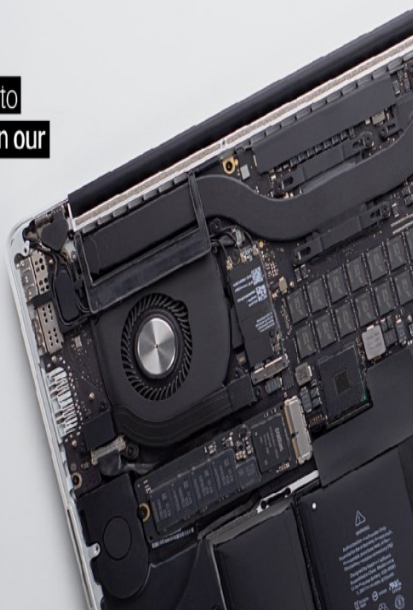
Queens Complete Count Committee (QCCC) - Kevin Forrestal: Census 2020 – All Board Members received an email outlining what occurred at the last QCCC. In the report there is a timetable that outlines how the Census will roll out between March 12th and April 27th.

Do you
Repair
or
Reuse?

Win
\$100
Amazon
Gift Card

Take a quick survey to
help divert waste in our
communities...

hloh.



Hloh, a NYC-based woman-owned materials consulting group, in collaboration with Bard College's MBA in Sustainability program received a small grant from the Citizens Committee for NYC to work on a research project regarding local reuse and repair are interested to hear from you!

Repair and reuse activities are essential parts of waste diversion in any community. However, participation in repair and reuse remains a highly personal decision for individuals, and often depends on key factors including access to skills, facilities, tools, and knowledge about the product and materials.

This study includes a brief, 5-minute survey of residents in NYC's five boroughs to better understand how they reuse and repair in their homes, by community. As a thank you, participants can enter to win two \$100 Amazon gift cards!

Go to:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DWK6BGS>



Seasonal Garden Assistant

Mission

Updated by Board of Trustees on December 15, 2009

Queens Botanical Garden is an urban oasis where people, plants and cultures are celebrated through inspiring gardens, innovative educational programs and demonstrations of environmental stewardship.

Queens Botanical Garden (QBG) is a private non-profit cultural institution located on 39 acres of New York City public land in Flushing, New York. In FY19, the Garden served over 263,000 visitors, including 34,856 schoolchildren. A recently completed visitor survey reveals that 45% of visitors speak a language other than English at home. This fact underscores the importance of the mission and the challenges and opportunities QBG faces daily in creating programs, exhibits and landscapes that serve the needs of people who live in and visit one of the most ethnically diverse counties in the nation. The Garden has committed itself to addressing the complex and ever changing needs of its diverse community and to being *the place where people, plants and cultures meet*.

We are seeking individuals with an interest in public horticulture to assist with gardening work during the 2020 growing season. Duties and responsibilities include assisting horticulture staff in the planting, cultivating, and care of trees, shrubs, flowers and other flora as well as leading a group of 5-6 student youth in these same tasks for 6 weeks in July and August.

Duties include:

- Preparing soil, planting, weeding and mulching.
- Fertilizing and watering.
- Pruning and grooming trees, shrubs and plants.
- Mowing Lawns.
- Operating and caring for hand and power gardening tools and equipment. Sharpening and general upkeep of grounds tools.
- Garden Assistants must be available to supervise teens as part of the City's Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) in July and August.
- Under the supervision of QBG horticulture staff, Garden Assistants will be expected to work with volunteers who may come to us as individuals or as part of a group.

Positions are available for up to 28 hours per week from mid-March through mid-October with possible extension into November and include some weekend work. A flexible schedule may be worked out to accommodate school or other needs.



Coding Club for Tweens and Teens

**Learn the basics of computer coding in
this club!**

For Tweens and Teens in Grades 5-9 only.

**Registration required. Space is limited.
It is strongly recommended to attend all
8 sessions. Bring your own laptop com-
puter or use one of the library's (limited
number available). Call the library at
718-454-7272 to register.**

**Thursdays, February 6—March 26
6:00-7:30 pm**



QUEENS PUBLIC LIBRARY

FRESH MEADOWS LIBRARY
193-20 Horace Harding Expy
Fresh Meadows 11365

(718) 454-7272 www.queenslibrary.org



Assemblyman **Daniel Rosenthal**

invites you to the

Department of Buildings Resource and Outreach Fair

Representatives from Department of Buildings will be present to answer questions related to:

- Plan for a home renovation or construction project
- Address an open violation on your property
- Obtain more information and records about a **property**
- Additionally, you can learn about permits, construction codes, zoning regulations, sign offs, certificates of occupancy, place of assembly, equipment installations, violations and civil penalties.

■ **DATE**

Thursday, February 20, 2020

■ **LOCATION**

Queens Kew Gardens Hills Library

72-33 Vleigh Place, Flushing, NY 11367

■ **WHEN**

From 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Assemblymember Daniel Rosenthal
159-06 71st Avenue, Flushing, NY 11365

For more information regarding this event or any other community issue, please contact Assemblyman Daniel Rosenthal's District Office at 718-969-1508 or email us at rosenthald@nyassembly.gov



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Professional
Filing

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For families

Income of \$64,000 or less in 2019.



For single filers

Income of \$45,000 or less in 2019.



There are more than 150 NYC Free Tax Prep sites in all five boroughs.



Knowledgeable IRS certified VITA/TCE volunteer preparers help you complete an accurate tax return.



Some sites let you drop off your tax documents and pick up the completed return later.

For more information, go to nyc.gov/taxprep or call 311 and ask for tax preparation assistance.

What you need to file:



Identification

- Government-issued photo ID (includes IDNYC)
- Social Security cards or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number determination letters (original, copy, or electronic document) and birth dates for you, your spouse, and your dependents



Proof of Income

- Forms W-2, 1098, 1099, or income and expense records if you are self-employed (Go to nyc.gov/taxprep for a list.)



Other

- 2018 tax return or transcript (if available)
To request a transcript, call the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) at 1-800-908-9946 or visit irs.gov and search "Get Transcript."
- Proof of health insurance coverage or Health Insurance Exemption Certificate for you, your spouse, and your dependents
- Payment records for child care, including the provider's name, address, and Employer Identification Number, Taxpayer Identification Number, or Social Security number
- Records of educational expenses such as Form 1098-T for tuition payments to attend a university or technical college or Form 1098-E if you paid student loan interest
- Account and routing numbers for direct deposit of your refund

[If you are filing a joint return, both spouses must be present.](#)

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SHARON LEE - ACTING PRESIDENT



**QUEENS BOROUGH PRESIDENT SHARON LEE and
DISTRICT ATTORNEY MELINDA KATZ**
together cordially invite you to the

2020 BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION



celebrating
**AFRICAN
AMERICAN
HERITAGE**

**Wednesday, February 26, 2020
at 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

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

**Awarding student scholars & recognizing outstanding
community members.**

**RSVP at queensbp.org/rsvp
OR 718.286.2661**

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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...*



Coronavirus Info

Here is a brief update on novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) from the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH).

- Currently, there are 6 cases in the United States
- There are **no** cases in NYS nor NYC
- Risk to New Yorkers remains low
- The situation continues to evolve

For latest information and updates, please visit the DOHMH website: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/coronavirus.page>

Below are links to the novel coronavirus factsheet, available in English, Traditional Chinese, Simplified Chinese and Spanish.

English: <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/novel-coronavirus-wuhan-factsheet.pdf>

Traditional Chinese: <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/novel-coronavirus-wuhan-factsheet-ch.pdf>

Simplified Chinese: <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/novel-coronavirus-wuhan-factsheet-sc.pdf>

Spanish: <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/novel-coronavirus-wuhan-factsheet-sp.pdf>

NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene —
01/30/2020

Voter Pre-Registration

As of **January 1, 2020**, New York started to allow teens 16 years old or older to pre-register to vote. The Board of Elections will **automatically** register those individuals once they turn 18.

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION (S)

- ♦ **Hapisgah of Flushing, Inc.**
147-23 & 147-25 Union Turnpike, Flushing - *Renewal of Full Liquor License*
- ♦ **Futigi Sushi Asian Cuisine, Inc.**
164-04 69th Avenue, Fresh Meadows - *Renewal of Full Liquor License*
- ♦ **Ambika Bhavani, Inc. d/b/a Supreme Diner**
82-65 Parsons Blvd., Jamaica - *NEW 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 NOTICE/VACATE ORDER

163-03 72nd Avenue - House (Full Demo)



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.....Wednesday, February 12th
Washington's Birthday (Pres. Day).....Monday, February 17th
Ash Wednesday.....Wednesday, February 26th

Remember, parking meters are still in effect.

NYPD BUILD THE BLOCK MEETING SECTOR C

Briarwood & Jamaica

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2020

Time: 6:45 p.m. (*Doors open*)
7:00 p.m. (*Meeting starts*)

Briarwood Library
85-12 Main Street
Briarwood, NY 11435

Neighborhood Coordinating Officers:

- *Officer Shawqi Ahmed*
- *Officer Terrence Shepherd*

*For accommodations regarding any disability, please contact:
Sergeant Chris Burke at 718 969-6191 or email
Christophe.Burke@nypd.org by 02/18/2020*

NYPD BUILD THE BLOCK MEETING SECTOR D

Kew Gardens Hills & Electchester

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020

Time: 6:45 p.m. (*Doors open*)
7:00 p.m. (*Meeting starts*)

Electchester
65-88 162nd Street
Flushing, NY 11367

Neighborhood Coordinating Officers:

- *Officer Nicholas Afanasewicz*
- *Officer Matthew Zakian*


*For accommodations regarding any disability, please contact:
Sergeant Chris Burke at 718 969-6191 or email
Christophe.Burke@nypd.org by 02/14/2020*



February 2020

Community Board 8, Queens

African-American History Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 	3	4 Liquor License Committee Meeting CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Avenue 7:30 p.m.	5	6	7	8

CB8's Socks for the Homeless Drive!

9 <i>Tu Bishvat</i> 	10 Capital/Expense Budget Hearing FY 2021 CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Avenue 7:30 p.m.	11	12 Board Meeting Hillcrest J.C. 183-02 Union Turnpike 7:30 p.m.	13	14  Happy Valentine's Day	15
16	17 We're closed PRESIDENTS DAY 	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Mardi Gras! 	26 Ash Wednesday 	27	28	29

"I got my first job by exceeding expectations." – Gwen Ifill

**Jewish Holidays start on the preceding day at sundown.