



COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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Honorable Linda Lee - 23rd District
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Honorable Donovan Richards

STAFF

DISTRICT MANAGER: Marie Adam-Ovide
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Help Wanted— Community Service Aide (Part Time)

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/queenscb8/downloads/pdf/2021/CB8Q-Job-Posting-Community-Service-Aide-2021.pdf>

BOARD MEMBERS BY AREA

Area 1 – Kew Gardens Hills

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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, Carolann Foley, Deepti Sharma, Tamika Williams-Moore

Area 6 – Utopia, Fresh Meadows, West Cunningham Park

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Area 7 – Jamaica Estates & Holliswood

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

African –American History is American History!

January’s Virtual Community Board Meeting Re-cap

- The Minutes of the December 15, 2021 Board Meeting were unanimously approved by 40 members.

Chairperson Martha Taylor’s Report:

- Monthly public hearings will be held in conjunction with our monthly board meetings.
- Spoke about anonymous complaints. Please contact the office with your contact information. Your name and contact information will be kept confidential.
- Spoke about copy of the letter addressed to the elected officials from the Safe Neighborhood Committee.
- Staffer Izabela Szczepanska resigned. Steps will be taken to replace her.

Honorable Council Member Linda Lee – District 23

CM Lee introduced herself . She is a former Community Board 11 Member and knows the area. She is a former social worker and has been in the non-profit sector for the last 20 years. Her office is open. She is looking forward to working with everyone. She encouraged us to reach out to her via email at:

District23@council.nyc.gov or via telephone at: 718-468-0137.

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Next *virtual* Public Hearing/Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Link to our meetings are available on our website www.nyc.gov/queenscb8 .

Minutes of Board Meetings are available *usually* within two weeks.

A Word from the District Manager...

Dear Resident,

Deputy Inspector Kevin Chan along with his team at the 107th Precinct are working very hard to keep all of you safe and safeguard your property. This can only be done with your partnership and collaboration. **We need your help!**

We have seen an increase in crime recently and we urge you to remain vigilant. There were about 1,000 vehicles stolen in the City of New York and a significant number in our district/precinct. Burglaries have also increased. We must stand together to fight those whose objective is to take from us what we have worked hard to own. The 107th Precinct aims to keep you safe in your home, in your vehicles and protect your property. Please see pages 4 and 5 for valuable crime prevention tips.

I urge you to 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

We offer our deepest condolences to the families of the five police officers who lost their lives while on duty this year. We thank them for their service and their sacrifice.

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Guest Speaker: Neil Moore, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) – NYC Health + Hospitals-Queens

Mr. Moore spoke about the progress they have been making for the Queens Hospital Center. These are some of the main highlights of the presentation:

- “Pathway to Excellence”. This program will enable them to have the best workplace for nurses as well as derive good patient care outcome.
- Queens Hospital has had one of the best national records in “left without seen” (*i.e., patients arriving at the emergency room*). The national average is 5%. They have been between 0.6-0.9%.
- They have embarked on a person’s centered-care approach. It is not only focused on the patient, but it is focused on the caregivers, including the employees of the hospital.
- They have an old swimming pool that hasn’t been used in many years. This is the area that will be used to establish the outpatient dialysis services.
- They are advancing the frontier of medicine and science with their affiliation with Mount Sinai Hospital which is an excellent partner. They want to develop a stronger partnership with community-based organizations.

Committee Reports: Health Minute with Dr. Penny Stern, Health Committee Chair

Dr. Stern spoke about a report she came across in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition which she shared. This was a study conducted over 18 years among 41,000 adults by researchers at the NYU School for Global Health. They were looking at the consumption of ultra-processed foods.

Ultra-processed foods are industrially manufactured, ready-to-eat or ready-to-heat foods, they include additives, chemicals that you see on the labels that nobody can pronounce. They do not include whole foods: unprocessed or minimally processed foods, fruits, vegetables, grains, dairy, lean meats, etc.

Over the course of this 18-year study, the percentage of ultra-processed consumption grew to 57%. This is more than half. In contrast, the consumption of whole foods actually decreased to 27.4%. Some of the points made by the researchers were really interesting including the fact that Hispanic Latino adults ate significantly less ultra-processed foods and more whole foods as compared to non-Hispanics [*whites and black adults*].

Letter to Mayor about Riker’s - *The issue was tabled.*

INCOME TAX SEASON IS HERE...

Hearing All Voices

IRS Small Business Workshop and Listening Session 2022

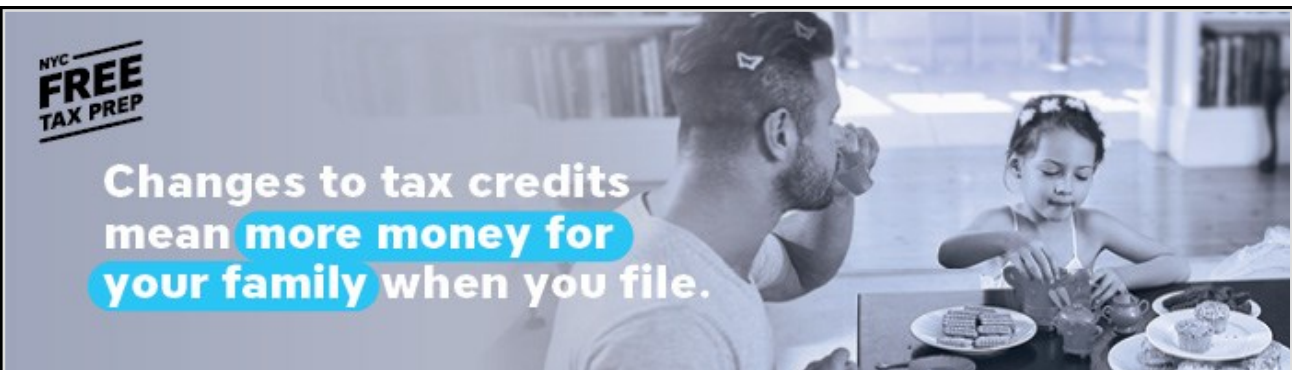
IRS is hosting Zoom meetings for small business organizations and owners in February and March, especially those that conduct business in languages other than English. These 2-hour events will include presentations from IRS leadership from Examination, Collection and Taxpayer Advocacy covering the top tax issues affecting small business owners regarding income, deductions, employment taxes and recordkeeping. They'll also cover getting ready for the 2022 filing season, tax scams targeting small businesses and how the IRS is reorganizing to better serve small business taxpayers. They also want to hear from you! So, these events will include a listening session to hear your concerns, feedback and suggestions. **How can they improve your IRS experience as a small business owner?**

Please join the IRS and their sponsoring small business organizations on the date below for what is sure to be an informative and worthwhile meeting!

February 17, 2022 - Northeast Area: CT, MA, VT, NH, ME, NJ, **NY**, RI.

Time: 1:00 p.m. (EST)

Registration: <https://irs.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsd-isrzwuEjxeruw0-UbsNNMCRI98cYQ>



Earned Income Tax Credit. Child Tax Credit. Child and Dependent Care Credit. Claiming even one could return thousands of dollars to families and individuals in 2022.

NYC Department of Consumer and Worker Protection (DCWP) is excited to coordinate the City's Annual Tax Season Initiative. DCWP is excited to help eligible New Yorkers use NYC Free Tax Prep to file for free and keep their whole refund. For more information, go to: www.nyc.gov/taxprep



AUTO THEFT PREVENTION TIP: Don't Leave the Keys in the Ignition

Vehicles left unattended with keys in the ignition are easily targeted by car thieves. This dangerous practice allows for an easy theft or a joy ride by an inexperienced driver.

This commonly occurs around the neighborhood store, deli, coffee shop, or newspaper stand. Remain alert. Don't create an opportunity. Don't become a victim!

When leaving your vehicle always:

- Close Your Windows
- Turn off the Ignition and **REMOVE THE KEYS**
- Lock Your Doors!

You might only be a "minute" - -
but a minute is all a thief needs.
Lock up your car and take your keys with you!



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Burglary Prevention

In recent weeks, there have been numerous residential burglaries that have occurred with-in the confines of the 107 pct. Follow these preventive tips to protect your homes.

Criminals are looking for:

- Jewelry
- Currency
- Small electronics & luxury items e.g laptops, expensive bags and clothing

Criminals looks for residences that:

- Are unoccupied
- Have easy access e.g unsecured windows, have glass doors, no alarm systems nor security cameras

Recommendations:

- Get an alarm system, if you can afford one. If not, get small window sensor alarms that will emit a high pitch noise that will alert anyone in the home that the window is opened.
- Get security cameras that have good video quality.
- Doors should be of solid core wood or metal and always be in good condition including the door frame.
- Utilize two locks on your door, 12 inches apart. This will add strength to your door and help against forced entry.
- Choose Grade Level 1 or 2 for door locks, as these will resist prying/lock picking attempts.
- Dead bolts should have a throw of at least 1 ½ inches into the strike plate that is anchored with at least 2 ½ inch screws.
- Keep blinds and windows closed so burglars can't see what's inside

In an emergency, call 911 and do not enter the residence

Ever wonder how your day improved due to ...

6:00 a.m. Wake up!!!

Folding Cabinet Bed

In 1885, **Sarah E. Goode** became the first Black woman to receive a US patent. She moved to Chicago and opened a furniture store. It was there she came up with an industry changing idea that brought more urban residents with limited space into her store.



7:00 a.m. Time to water the grass...

Lawn sprinkler

This invention by **Joseph A. Smith** helped dads [and moms] everywhere keep their grass green while allowing kids a fun toy to jump around in.

7:20 a.m. Burglaries are up. Turn on your...

Home Security System



African American nurse **Mary Van Brittan Brown**, devised an early security unit for her own home. She and her husband took out a patent for the system in the same year, and they were awarded the patent three years later, in 1969. Home security systems commonly used today took various elements from her design.

7:30 a.m. On your way to work...

Three-Light Traffic Light

Garrett Morgan was the first Black person in Cleveland, Ohio, to own a car. After he witnessed a severe car accident at an intersection in the city, he expanded on the current traffic light by adding a “yield” component, warning oncoming drivers of an impending stop.

8:15 a.m. Almost there, just one more hill...

Automatic Gear Shift

Richard Spikes created the automatic gear shift, helping people drive up hills everywhere.

9:00 a.m. Log onto your computer...

Color IBM PC Monitor and Gigahertz Chip

You can thank **Mark Dean** for co-inventing the color monitor. Without his invention, we’d still be typing in a colorless interweb.

11:00 a.m. Meeting in the conference room. We need more seats...

Folding chair

John Purdy created the folding chair, which is used in picnics and school graduations everywhere.

Noon - It's lunchtime! How about a PB&J sandwich?

Peanut Butter

Everyone and their dog can thank **George Washington Carver** for the invention of peanut butter.



... the contributions made by **Black Inventors**?

5:05 p.m. When you gotta go before you go...

Modern toilet

Thank **Thomas Elkins** for your porcelain throne. Without Elkins, your bathroom breaks certainly wouldn't be as comfortable.



5:10 p.m. Hold that door...

Automatic Elevator Doors

Alexander Miles took out a patent in 1887 for a mechanism that automatically opens and closes elevator shaft doors. His designs are largely reflected in elevators used today.

6:55 p.m. Reach in that refrigerator for something cold...

John Standard found a way to improve the design of refrigerators a non-electrical and unpowered design, Standard's refrigerator made in 1891 used a manually filled ice chamber for chilling and was granted a patent on June 14, 1891.

7:00 p.m. Watch out for that spill in the kitchen...

The Mop

Thomas W. Stewart created the mop, which helps to ease the backbreaking labor.

7:10 p.m. Joey what are you watching? Rated R? Oh no...

Programmable Remote Controllers



Joseph N. Jackson holds 6 U.S. patents for telecommunications and fertility prediction inventions. Jackson's first patent was for his contribution to a v-chip device that allowed users to block selected content on cable television. This type of technology is commonly used for parental controls. He also holds patents for TV remote control devices.

7:30 p.m. Did you finish that load of laundry? No worries...

Clothes dryer

George T. Sampson created the clothes dryer in 1892.

8:00 p.m. It's a bird! It's a plane! No, it's a...

Helicopter

Paul E. Williams invented the components of the "first useful helicopter" African American inventor Paul E. Williams patented the "first useful helicopter" the Lockheed Model 186 (XH-51).

8:15 p.m. What am I wearing tomorrow? This is too wrinkled...

Improved Ironing Board

In the late 19th century, the ironing board was improved by **Sarah Boone**. One of the first Black women in U.S. history to receive a patent, she created a narrower and curved design, making it easier to iron garments. Boone's design morphed into the modern board that we use today.

Find out more at : [HTTPS://DAILYHIVE.COM/SEATTLE/INVENTIONS-BY-BLACK-PEOPLE](https://dailyhive.com/seattle/inventions-by-black-people)

It is illegal for someone to pressure or force you to leave your home.

- You have the right to stay in your home unless you receive an Eviction Order signed by a Judge and delivered by a Marshal or Sheriff.
 - If you receive a notice or paperwork and are unsure if it is an Eviction Order, call 311 and ask for the Tenant Helpline to get more information.
- Your landlord cannot evict you verbally or through letters or notices.
- A notice to appear in court does not mean you have to leave your home.
- You have the right to heat, hot water, and electricity. It is illegal for someone to shut off your utilities to try to get you to leave or as a punishment.

You are protected against a lockout.

- Lockouts are illegal, **no matter your immigration status**.
- **Even if you did not sign a lease**, you are protected against a lockout if you have lived in the same place for 30 days or more.
- If you signed a lease, you are protected against a lockout as soon as you move in.
- You cannot be locked out or "discharged," **even if you signed papers** saying you are in a private treatment/ recovery/ other program.

What to do if you've been illegally locked out of your home

1. **Call 911 right away.** Lockouts are criminal behavior and a misdemeanor under the "illegal eviction law."
 - NYPD's role is to protect the rights of a person who is being or has been unlawfully evicted.
 - Unlawful evictions are always illegal.
 - The NYPD may take action against someone trying to remove a tenant if they have probable cause to believe it is an unlawful eviction.
 - The NYPD can keep the peace on the scene while you take steps to get back into your home.
2. **Call 311 and ask for the Tenant Helpline** to get a referral to a free legal service provider. (If you are experiencing a legal eviction, the Tenant Helpline is also here to help you. Call 311 to be connected to free legal representation.)
3. **Go to the Housing Court in your borough** (addresses below) to file an Order to Show Cause for emergency relief to be restored to possession (allowed back in).
4. **Call 311 and ask for HPD** to report utility shut-offs. HPD will inspect and, where warranted, write a violation.

If you experience an illegal lockout and cannot get back in via the police department, go to the Housing Court in your borough right away. Housing Courts are generally open 9am to 5pm, but hours have shifted due to COVID; you might want to call ahead.

Court	Housing Court Address	Phone Number
Brooklyn ("Kings County")	141 Livingston Street, Brooklyn, 11201	347-404-9201
Bronx	851 Grand Concourse, Bronx 10451	718-618-2561
Manhattan ("New York County")	111 Centre Street, New York, 10013	646-386-5500
Queens	89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica 11435	212-962-4795
Staten Island ("Richmond County")	927 Castleton Avenue, Staten Island 10310	718-675-8452

Remember, anything other than an official court order delivered by a Marshal or Sheriff is not a legal eviction. You have the right to stay in your home.



Programs for Girls



2022 – 2023 SHSAT /TACHS Prep Course

<i>what</i>	SHSAT:	ELA & Mathematics
	TACHS:	Reading, Written Expression, Mathematics, & Ability
<i>where</i>	Online	Helicon, Inc.'s SHSAT Prep Course Classroom

Parents and prospective students must attend an Information Session

Algebra I Regents Examination Practice Test Sessions

<i>what</i>	full-length Algebra Regents Examination reviews	
<i>when</i>	Sundays	1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
<i>where</i>	Online	Helicon, Inc.'s Algebra I Regents Examination Practice Test Sessions Classroom

Math Homework Helper

<i>what</i>	on-request help with elementary, middle, and high school math topics	
<i>when</i>	Mondays – Thursdays	3:20 – 5:00 p.m. starts: 02.07.22
<i>where</i>	Online	Helicon, Inc.'s Homework Helper Classroom

for more information

or

to sign up for an Information Session:

<http://www.heliconinc.org>

Backyard Sheds

Storage sheds are permitted in rear yards only. Prefabricated and custom-built sheds are regulated the same way under New York City law. Homeowners may not need to submit work plans to the Department of Buildings or secure work permits to install a backyard shed – unless it will be within three feet of the property line. If so, the work plans must show the shed is built with non-flammable materials and meets size requirements.

The Rules of the City of New York §101-14 requires that backyard sheds must meet the following requirements:

- **Size:** Up to 120 square feet – no permits needed. Above 121 square feet – plans, approval, and permits are required.
- **Height:** Maximum is 7 feet 6 inches.
- **Materials:** Sheds made of flammable materials must be at least 3 feet from the property line.
- **Installation:** Sheds may not be permanently affixed to the land.

Local Law 132

Under Local Law 132, gas piping systems in all buildings, **except for one-family and two-family homes**, and other buildings classified in Occupancy Group R-3, must be inspected by a Licensed Master Plumber (LMP), or a qualified individual working for an LMP Gas piping systems must be inspected *at least* once every four years according to the schedule below:

Community Districts: 4, 6, **8**, 9, 16 in all boroughs

January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022. Future inspections must be *no later than December 31st within every fourth calendar year thereafter.*



LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION (S)

- ◆ **Mama Kitchen NY Corp. - d/b/a Mama Kitchen NY**
67-25 Main Street in Flushing
New - Full License Application
- ◆ **Jamaica 153 Corp. - d/b/a Riko**
153-37 Hillside Avenue in Jamaica
Renewal - Wine, Beer and Cider License Application
- ◆ **Zen Fusion Cuisine, Inc.**
79-28 Parsons Blvd. in Flushing
Renewal - Full License Application
- ◆ **Cheap Shots NY, LLC**
149-05 Union Turnpike in Flushing
Renewal - Full License Application
- ◆ **Hapisgah of Flushing, Inc. - d/b/a Hapisgah**
143-23/145-25 Union Turnpike in Flushing
Renewal - Full License Application
- ◆ **PJ's Dance Charisma, Inc.**
71-46 Main Street in Flushing
Renewal - Full License Application

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 Tues., Feb. 1st
Lincoln's Birthday..... Sat., Feb. 12th
President's Day..... Mon., Feb. 21st

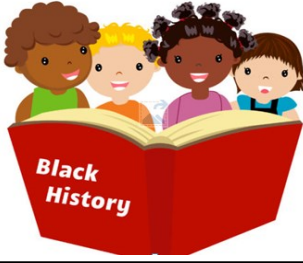
Parking meters are still in effect.

DEMOLITION NOTICE



75-14 137th Street – Full Demolition
(House & Garage)
75-82 177th Street – Full Demolition
(House & Garage)

186-15 Avon Road – Horizontal & Vertical
Extension of one family
House. New C of O.



February 2022

Community Board 8, Queens

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Liquor License Cmte. Mtg. Virtual 7:30 p.m.	2	3	4	5
6 Transportation Cmte. Mtg. Virtual 7:30 p.m.	7	8	9 Joint Virtual CB8 Meeting Public Hearing ULURP 7:30 p.m.	10	11	12 
13	14 	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 					

“Never be limited by other people’s limited imaginations.” - Mae Jemison