



**Happy
New Year!**



January 2016

COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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EXEC. SECRETARY: Carolyn Baker-Brown
TREASURER: Harbachan Singh
BUDGET DIRECTOR: Vacant

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Honorable Barry Grodenchik
Honorable Rory Laneman

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Honorable Melinda Katz

STAFF

Joseph Marziliano, Jatnna Pimentel and Alma Karassavidis.

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, Michael Sidell and Jacob Weinberg

Area 2 – Briarwood

Seymour Schwartz - CHAIR, Carolyn Baker-Brown, Allen Eisenstein, Elke Maerz, Charlton Rhee, Douglas Sherman and Albert Willingham

Area 3 - Hillcrest Estates & Jamaica Hill

Kevin Forrestal - CHAIR, Dilafroz Ahmed, Fakrul Islam Delwar, Paul Lazauskas, Frances Peterson and Samuel Rodriguez

Area 4 – Flushing Heights, Flushing Suburban, Hillcrest

Jagir Singh Bains – CHAIR, Kenneth Cohen II, Steven Konigsberg and Alvin Warshaviak

Area 5 – Georgetown Mews, Pomonok, Electchester, Flushing

Mary Maggio Fischer – CHAIR, Monica Corbett, Carolann Foley, Sylvia Hernandez, Frank Magri, Steven Sadofsky 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

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

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

- Minutes of November 12, 2015 Board Meeting were unanimously approved by 37 members.
- Congratulations to Dr. Allen Bennett on the birth of his 21st grandchild.
- Condolences to Frances Peterson on the loss of her sister.
- CB8 met with Madison Square Garden about renting out Flushing Meadows-Corona Park for a three-day music event.
- **Danny Zausner of USTA** – Presentation updating the Community on renovations taking place at the National Tennis Center.
- **Donna Green of NYC Health & Hospitals Queens** – Presentation on the re-organization of Queens Hospital Center to better serve the Community.
- **Co-naming of Aguilar Avenue** (between Parsons Boulevard and Kissena Boulevard) **to Shirley Weinstein Way:**

In Favor: 11 Opposed: 24 Abstained: 1

Next Community Board 8 Meeting will be on **WEDNESDAY, January 13, 2016** at 7:30 p.m.

*** Minutes of Board Meetings are available on our website: www.nyc.gov/queenscb8

A Word from the District Manager ...

Dear Resident:

Did you know that the Lobbying Bureau was responsible for the regulation and enforcement of New York City's Lobbying Law? It works to ensure increased compliance and further the goal of greater transparency in government. The Lobbying Bureau offers training and assistance on the law and its filing requirements. There is an Amnesty Program from **January 1, 2016** through **June 30, 2016** for those who have engaged in reportable activities but have not filed since December 10, 2006.

There are three steps to be taken to find out if you can benefit from this program:

First, you must determine if your organization is lobbying. The law defines lobbying as an attempt to influence eleven specific activities:

- 1) Any determination made by the NYC Council with respect to local legislation;
- 2) Any determination made by the Mayor with respect to local legislation;
- 3) Any NYC determination with respect to procurement of goods or services or the award or administration of a grant, loan or agreement involving the use of public monies;
- 4) Any NYC determination involving zoning or land use;
- 5) Any determination regarding the sale or purchase of real estate or a license or permit for use of real estate;
- 6) Any determination regarding a NYC agency rule;
- 7) Any part of a City agency rate making proceeding;
- 8) The agenda or determination of a NYC board or commission;
- 9) Calendaring or scope of a NYC Oversight Hearing;
- 10) Issuance, repeal, change or substance of a mayoral executive order; or
- 11) Any support or opposition of federal or state legislation by a NYC elected official or employee.

Second, you must determine if your organization's activity is excluded from lobbying. The following activities do not need to be reported, as they are excluded from the Lobbying Law:

- 1) advising or rendering opinions in relation to legislation, rules or other proposed legislative action;
- 2) Media publication or broadcast of news items, editorials, or paid advertisements;
- 3) Participation in public rule making or rate making proceedings of a NYC agency;
- 4) Appearing before a NYC agency in an adjudicatory proceeding;
- 5) Responding to an information request from NYC government;
- 6) Contractors or their representatives who appear before NYC in the regular course of contracting process;
- 7) Advertising goods or services with fliers, etc.;
- 8) Appearances by architects and engineers before a community board in an adjudicatory proceeding;
- 9) Drafting and designing plans by architects, engineers and their subordinates even if preceded or followed by lobbying activity;
- 10) Architects and engineers when appearing before NYC board or commission in actions designated as minor by the City Clerk; or
- 11) Architects and engineers when performing capital projects pursuant to a NYC contract.

Third, if your organization has exceeded \$5,000 in combined compensation and expenses with respect to NYC lobbying in a calendar year, then your organization has reached the reporting threshold. Please note, if you are an architect/engineer the threshold amount is \$10,000.

Your organization is eligible for amnesty if: 1) it engaged in reportable lobbying activity after December 10, 2006; 2) it has never registered or filed reports on e-Lobbyist; 3) it is not under criminal investigation relating to a lobbying law violation; it is not party to criminal litigation involving a violation of the lobbying law. If all these requirements have been satisfied, please apply for amnesty to avoid late fees or civil penalties.

Please share this information. **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 has been brought to you by
the Office of the City Clerk - Lobbying Bureau
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This information is also available on our website: www.nyc.gov/queenscb8. Remember to "Like" us on 

Community Board 8 Meeting Schedule for 2016

January 13th	February 17th	March 9th	April 13th	May 11th	June 8th	<u>No</u> <u>Meetings</u> <u>in July or</u> <u>August</u>	September 14th	October 19th	November 9th	December 14th
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Christmas Tree Curbside Collection

The Department of Sanitation's annual Christmas tree **curbside collection program** will begin on **Monday, January 4, 2016** and will run through **Friday, January 15, 2016.**

Before placing your tree out for collection:

- Remove tree stands
- Remove tinsel
- Remove lights
- Remove decorations
- DO NOT place in a bag



These trees will be chipped, mixed with leaves, and recycled into compost for the city's parks, institutions and community gardens.

MulchFest 2016!



Saturday, January 9th & Sunday, January 10th
(from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

Visit Cunningham Park at Union Turnpike and 196th Street to have a tree chipped or to pick up mulch (Remember to bring your own bag and to remove all decorations).

For more information and additional locations visit www.nyc.gov and search for "MulchFest" or call 311.



NYC Council Member

Barry S. Grodenchik

23rd District - Queens
wants your input!

The Participatory Budget process started with two neighborhood assemblies at which local residents began to offer suggestions for the \$1.5 million that will be allocated through the PB for the 23rd Council District this year.

There will be a series of meetings at which budget delegates will sort through the suggested projects and ultimately determine which will appear on the ballot in the spring. Anyone can volunteer to be a budget delegate and must attend the following meetings:

January 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Bayside Senior center
221-15 Horace Harding Expressway
Oakland Gardens, NY 11364

January 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Saint Francis Preparatory High School
61-00 Francis Lewis Boulevard
Fresh Meadows, NY 11365

January 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Middle School 172Q
81-14 257th Street
Glen Oaks, NY 11004

To sign up to be a budget delegate and/or volunteer to help with other parts of the PB process go to:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1fD_KariuHW_Z15RC7WvVLNdosaRQhWZU67y1i-Plor0/viewform?c=0&w=1



*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

Living Safely - Department of Buildings

Did you know that your apartment /room could be illegal if you answer yes to any of these questions?

- Is your bedroom in the cellar [*a cellar has at least half of its height underground*]?
- Do you live in an attic?
- Do you get electricity with an extension cord?
- Do you lock your door with a padlock?

Illegal apartments can put you and your family in danger.

STAY SAFE!

- Make sure you have two easy ways to get out.
- Make sure you have a carbon monoxide and smoke detector with good batteries.
- Make sure to give space heaters a break to cool down.

The City can immediately vacate unsafe illegal apartments or rooms. Landlords can be fined up \$25,000 and face other penalties. To learn more about illegal living spaces or to request a Buildings Department inspection, call 311.

You may also call your Community Board at 718-264-7895.



LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

- ◆ **Verdig Enterprises Inc.** d/b/a Alba Pizzeria & Restaurant
137-65 Queens Boulevard in Briarwood, **Renewal application for a Wine and Beer Liquor License.**
- ◆ **Jasodra Henry** d/b/a Lovell's Guiding Light Cocktail Lounge & Bar
148-33 Hillside Avenue in Jamaica, **Renewal application for a Wine and Beer Only License.**
- ◆ **Regina & Sons Corp.** d/b/a Crystal
138-31 Queens Boulevard in Briarwood, **Renewal application for a Wine and Beer Liquor License.**
- ◆ **A & Y Café Inc.** d/b/a Café Muscat (in Fresh Meadows)
178-05/178-07 Union Turnpike, **Renewal application for a Liquor, Wine and Beer 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.



*New Year's Day.....***January 1st**

*Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday.....***Monday, January 18th**

Remember parking meters are still in effect!

DEMOLITION/VACATE NOTICE



- ◆ **150-34 61st Road—Demolition /Partial**
- ◆ **71-66 Parsons Blvd. - Demolition**
- ◆ **177-18 Wexford Terrace - Demolition**



The NYC Department of Education wants to alert you that the Kindergarten application period is now open. Families can apply through **Friday, January 15, 2016**. All applications received by the deadline are treated the same. The application process is not first come, first served.

Apply one of three ways:

Online via DOE's application site:

<https://prod.semsnycdoe.com/parentsite/>

Over the phone by calling **718-935-2400** between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., excluding holidays.

In person at a Family Welcome Center between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., excluding holidays.

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo
Congresswoman Grace Meng
Queens Borough President Melinda Katz
State Senator Tony Avella
Assembly Member David I. Weprin
and City Council Member Rory Lancman



invite you to participate in the New York State

Citizen Preparedness Corps Training Program

Tuesday, January 19, 2016

7:00 p.m.

Queens Gateway to Health Sciences
Secondary school
160-20 Goethals Avenue
Jamaica, NY 11432

All participants **must** register in advance at:

www.prepare.ny.gov



January

Happy New Year from Community Board 8, Queens

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<i>Office Closed</i> 1  Happy New Year!	2
3	4	5	Three Kings Day 6 	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike	14	15	16
17	<i>Office Closed</i> 18 Martin Luther King Day 	19	20	21	22	23
Tu B'Shevat 24 	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						