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COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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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

Alma Karassavidis
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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, Bhitihara-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 and Dr. Penny M. Stern

Area 5 – Georgetown Mews, Pomonok, Electchester, Flushing

Mary Maggio – CHAIR, Monica Corbett, Carolann Foley, Frank Magri, Steven Sadofsky, 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 Osharov

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

- The Minutes of November 8, 2017 Board Meeting were approved by 32 members, opposed by 1 member and no abstentions.
- **Chairperson Martha Taylor:** Chairperson Martha Taylor extended best wishes to Dr. Allen Bennett and Susie Tanenbaum, who are both recovering from surgery.
- She reviewed the procedure of the Public Participation portion of the meeting. She explained that individuals sign up in advance to have up to 3 minutes of speaking time. She added that this portion of the meeting does not invite responses or discussion. Speakers may bring their issues to the Community Board for action after the meeting. She reiterated that Community Boards do not allow political issues to be discussed during Public Participation. She added that minutes are recorded and retained at the Community Board office for review, in case there is a discrepancy.

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Next Community Board 8 Meeting will be on Wednesday, January 10, 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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Guest Speaker (s):

Thomas Edison CTE High School Students - Student Shop in a Box Presentation

Mohammed Khan along with other students [**Jaelan Scott, Elvin Valdez, Arwa Lokhandwala, Mariah Young** and **Kameza Harun**] who are part of the Model UN Class at Thomas Edison CTE High School presented the Student Shop in a Box Program. The program is designed, planned and executed by the students. They have already had the opportunity to export the practical skills and opportunities taught in their courses to students in need around the world. Information was left with CB8 for anyone interested in donating or adopting one of these boxes for local schools or community programs. Each box cost \$250.

Committee Reports:


Parks Committee - Bhitihara Martha Fulton, Parks Committee Chair – *Albert Mauro Playground Reconstruction Project*. CB8 Parks Committee met on December 4, 2017 to review a presentation for the redesign of the Albert Mauro Playground on Park Drive East. The Department of Parks and Recreation is requesting an approval letter from CB8 for the project. The Committee voted in favor of sending such a letter in support of the plans for the redesign [*Full presentation is available for viewing on the CB8 website*].




FUN ORIGAMI FOR ADULTS
With Joy Hsiao



FRESH MEADOWS LIBRARY
SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2018
3 P.M.
193-20 Horace Harding Expressway
Fresh Meadows, NY 11365
718-454-7272
Q17 Q30 Q88



Spelling Bee



ATTENTION ALL 3RD THROUGH 6TH GRADERS:
Join the Annual Spelling Bee competition! Contestants will be able to spell out the words by writing them down. Prizes will be given to the first place winners of two age groups:
3rd/4th Graders & 5th/6th graders.
No Registration Required!
THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2018
4 P.M.
Fresh Meadows Library
193-20 Horace Harding Expressway
Fresh Meadows, NY 11365
718-454-7272

A Word from the District Manager ...

Dear Community Board 8 Resident:

The Community Board 8 Staff joins me in wishing each and every one of you a safe, healthy and Happy New Year 2018!

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

facebook

Community Board 8

Meeting Schedule for 2018

The Community Board 8's monthly meetings are usually held on the 2nd Wednesdays of the month at 7:30 p.m. sharp unless the date falls on a religious or on a major holiday. The meetings are held in the auditorium of the Hillcrest Jewish Center located at **183-02 Union Turnpike** in Fresh Meadows.

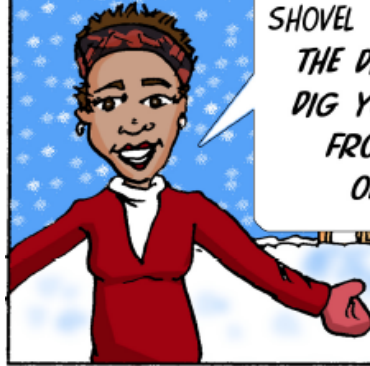
Our meetings are open to the public. Anyone who wishes to speak may do so during the **Public Participation** part of the meeting, provided that he/she signed up for speaking time (*preferably by calling the Community Board at 718-264-7895 no later than 4:45 p.m. the day of the meeting*). The speaker will be granted up to 3 minutes of speaking time. If you are not present when your name is called, you will not be allowed to speak.

January 10th	February 21st <i>(3rd Wednesday)</i>	March 14th	April 18th <i>(3rd Wednesday)</i>
May 9th	June 20th <i>(3rd Wednesday)</i>	July No meeting	August No meeting
September 12th	October 10th	November 14th	December 12th

SHOVELING TIPS WITH MARIE ADAM-OVIDE



WELL, IT'S WINTER AGAIN AND THE SIGHT OF FALLING SNOW CAN WARM OUR HEARTS.



BUT THAT WARMTH QUICKLY TURNS COLD AFTER A HEAVY SNOW STORM AND YOU HAVE TO SHOVEL THE SIDEWALK, THE DRIVEWAY, OR DIG YOUR CAR OUT FROM LAYERS OF SNOW-!



WELL, I HAVE A FEW TIPS TO HELP YOU PROPERLY REMOVE SNOW AND KEEP YOUR COMMUNITY SAFE THIS WINTER!

LET'S START WITH SIDEWALKS

IF YOU HAVE A SIDEWALK ON YOUR PROPERTY, ALWAYS PROVIDE ADEQUATE PASSAGE FOR PEOPLE TO WALK SAFELY AND AT LEAST 48" WIDE TO ACCOMMODATE A WHEELCHAIR OR DOUBLE STROLLER.



HOMEOWNERS CAN PLACE THE DISCARDED SNOW ON THEIR LAWN, OR IN A TREE PIT IF ONE IS AVAILABLE.

IF YOU HAVE A FIRE HYDRANT IN FRONT OF YOUR PROPERTY, YOU MUST CLEAR THE AREA SO THAT IT'S VISIBLE FROM THE STREET. THIS WILL HELP OUR FIRST RESPONDERS IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY.

DO NOT PUSH SNOW AND ICE INTO THE GUTTER, STREET, CROSSWALK OR PEDESTRIAN RAMP.



Protect Your Water Meter and Pipes from Freezing

Most water meters and pipes are in basements, crawl spaces, and other unheated areas, where cold winter temperatures could cause them to freeze. Homeowners are responsible for protecting meters and pipes from freezing:

- If the meter freezes and breaks because you failed to take reasonable steps to protect it, DEP will repair or replace the meter and bill you for the cost.
- If the service line or piping freezes and breaks, it is the homeowner's responsibility to have repairs made by a licensed plumber.

Here are some tips and suggestions to prevent freezing

- Repair broken and cracked windows, doors, and walls.
- Install storm windows on basement windows.
- Tightly close doors and windows to the outside.
- Insulate outside walls.
- Eliminate drafts from crawl spaces.
- When you are checking to see how cold the area is where your meter and pipes are installed, remember that it is colder near the floors and foundation walls.
- Turn off the water to outside faucets, remove hoses, and drain the pipes.
- Ask your local plumbing supplier about materials to insulate pipes and meters. If your meter is installed in an unheated garage, take extra care to ensure the meter is insulated.
- If pipes or the meter are in a closed cabinet against an outside wall, insulate the wall and open the cabinet to allow warmer air to reach them.
- If you are not going to be home for several days during cold weather, arrange to have someone visit periodically and turn on a faucet to ensure that the water is still flowing.

If your service line, pipes, or meters freeze

- Open a faucet near the frozen point to release vapor from melting ice;
 - Direct a hair dryer or heat lamp at the frozen section, or put a small space heater nearby; and,
 - NEVER thaw a frozen pipe or meter with an open flame. This is not only a fire hazard, but could also cause a steam explosion.
- If you are unable to thaw the frozen pipes, consult a licensed plumber.



NEW YORK WEEKEND WALKS

Weekend Walks are multi-block, multi-day events on commercial corridors that promote the use of streets as public space. Community based organizations apply to close commercial streets and provide programming that highlights local businesses and New York City's unique neighborhoods.

Business improvement districts, cultural organizations, local merchants associations and community groups can apply to host Weekend Walks. They create wonderful opportunities for New Yorkers to gather and see their neighborhoods in a new way.

In 2018, NYCDOT is embarking on the eleventh season of Weekend Walks! If you are interested in hosting a Weekend Walks event, go to:

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/weekendwalks/html/host/host.shtml>

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION (S)



- ◆ **Cheap Shots NY, LLC**
149-05 Union Turnpike in Flushing, *Renewal full Liquor License*
- ◆ **Regina & Sons Corp d/b/a Crystal**
138-31 Queens Boulevard in Briarwood, *Renewal application for full Liquor License*
- ◆ **Jamaica 153 Corp. d/b/a Riko**
153-37 Hillside Avenue in Jamaica, *Renewal of Wine, Beer and Cider License*
- ◆ **New Empire Deli & Grocery Corp. d/b/a Empire Deli**
176-56 Union Turnpike, *Renewal of Beer and Cider License*
- ◆ **Mayflower Wenyu, LLC - Application withdrawn**
61-27 186th Street in Fresh Meadows [Rooftop], *New application for 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.



New Year's Day.....Monday, January 1st
Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday.....Monday, January 15th
Remember, parking meters are still in effect.

DEMOLITION/VACATE NOTICE



- 75-08 178th Street - Demolition (garage only).

Street Activity/Block Party Permit Request



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

African American Heritage Committee 2018 Scholarship

Each year, scholarships are awarded to high school seniors pursuing post-secondary education. Applicants must be residents of Queens. The deadline to apply is **January 17, 2018** by 5 p.m. Apply online at:

www.queensbp.org/aahcscholarshipapp/

Scholarship awards will be issued at the Queens Borough President Melinda Katz's Black History Month Celebration on **Monday, February 26, 2018** at 6 p.m.

(Recipients will be notified by January 31, 2018)

MULCHFEST CUNNINGHAM PARK UNION TURNPIKE AND 196TH PLACE



**Saturday, January 6, 2018
&
Sunday, January 7, 2018
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**



Bring your Christmas Tree to the park to be recycled into a mulch that will nourish plantings across the City! Bags will be provided if you want to bring some free mulch home. Please remember to remove all the trimmings before bringing the tree to the mulch site.

Sanitation (DSNY) will conduct special curbside collections for mulching and recycling of Christmas trees from **Tuesday, January 2, 2018 to Saturday, January 13, 2018.**

January 2018

Community Board 8, Queens



	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  New Year's Day We're closed.	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 CB8 Monthly Meeting 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest J.C. 183-02 Union Turnpike	11	12	13
14	15 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. <i>Day</i>  We're closed.	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

"Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right." ~ Oprah Winfrey