



**June 2015**

## COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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### OFFICERS

**CHAIRMAN:** Alvin Warshaviak  
**DISTRICT MANAGER:** Marie Adam-Ovide  
**1st VICE CHAIR:** Stanley Weinblatt  
**2nd VICE CHAIR:** Martha Taylor  
**3rd VICE CHAIR:** Seymour Schwartz  
**EXEC. SECRETARY:** Carolyn Baker-Brown  
**TREASURER:** Harbachan Singh  
**BUDGET DIRECTOR:** Vacant

### CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Honorable Mark S. Weprin  
Honorable Rory Laneman

### BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Honorable Melinda Katz

### STAFF

Joseph Marziliano, Jatna Pimentel-Agramonte 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

- ◆ The Minutes of the April 15, 2015 Board Meeting were unanimously approved (*with corrections*) by 37 members.
- ◆ Chairman Warshaviak asked all in attendance to observe a moment of silence for fallen NYPD Detective Brian Moore, who died in the line of duty.
- ◆ Captain Paul Valerga of the 107<sup>th</sup> Precinct addressed the Community Board.
- ◆ **In accordance with the By-Laws of Community Board 8, elections were held for officers of the Board:**

1. **Alvin Warshaviak** was unanimously reelected as **Chairman**
2. **Stanley Weinblatt** was unanimously reelected as **1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair**.
3. **Martha Taylor** was unanimously reelected as **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair**.
4. **Seymour Schwartz** was reelected as **3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chair**.
5. **Carolyn Baker-Brown** was unanimously reelected as **Executive Secretary**.
6. **Harbachan Singh** was reelected as **Treasurer**.

- ◆ **Stephen Everett** of the Department of City Planning reported on the Jamaica Now Initiative.
- ◆ **Chairman Warshaviak** assigned Steve Konigsberg and Martha Taylor the task of initiating the review of the Community Board 8 By-Laws.

**Next Community Board 8 Meeting will be on WEDNESDAY, June 10, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.**

\*\*\* Minutes of Board Meetings are available on our website: [www.nyc.gov/queenscb8](http://www.nyc.gov/queenscb8)

## *A Word from the District Manager ...*

Dear Resident:

While you are planning your summer vacations, thieves, burglars and scam artists are not. They are always working hard to take your hard earned possessions. The Police Department needs your help to stop them. There are things that you can do to prevent being a victim.

- Be alert and aware of your surroundings at all times. Criminals often target people who are distracted.
- If possible, stay in designated waiting areas or in view of the station booth clerk while awaiting your train. Never walk or stand near the edge of the subway platform.
- Travel on populated, well lit streets. If possible, travel with a friend.
- When driving, keep your doors locked and the windows closed. Make sure the gas tank is full. Maintain your car in good working order to avoid breakdowns.
- Always lock your car. Before getting into your car, check the back seat to make sure no one is hiding there.
- Avoid leaving valuables in your car. Whenever possible, place items out of sight in the trunk of your vehicle prior to reaching your destination. Never leave packages in the passenger compartment unattended.
- Plan your purchases in advance and carry only the amount of cash or number of credit cards necessary to make the purchase. If you must carry a large sum of money, divide the cash between your purse, pockets and wallet.
- Cancel credit cards you don't use and keep a record of the account numbers for each credit card you possess. This will facilitate reporting the theft or loss of the cards.
- Carry your purse close to your body. Place one end of the purse in the palm of your hand and the other in the bend of the elbow. Never wrap the strap around your body.
- If you are carrying a wallet, carry it in the breast pocket of your jacket or in your side pants pocket. The rear pants pocket is the easiest to pick.
- When in a restaurant, don't leave your handbag over the back of your chair or on the floor. Don't leave your belongings unattended.
- Don't wait until you have reached your front door to look for your keys. Have them ready in your hand. If a stranger is standing near your door, it may be a good idea not to go in until the situation feels safer. Lock your front door immediately upon entering your home.

According to the 107th Precinct, you must also beware of people calling on the telephone and asking you to wire money. The target victim of this scam is called by someone claiming to be a relative who needs bail money to get out of jail. Or they may claim your family member has been kidnapped and will demand that the ransom be paid via a money transfer service such as Western Union. Keep in mind that anyone calling and asking you for money **MUST** be considered suspicious. The Police Department **NEVER** solicits funds.

### **Here are some steps to take if this occurs:**

- **Hang up** the phone.
- **Remain calm** and contact your loved ones to verify their safety.
- **Never** wire money in a panic.
- **Never** give your personal or financial information to the caller.
- **CALL 9-1-1**

I urge you to use these safety tips from the New York Police Department. Please share them with your friends, neighbors and members of your organization. **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 is also available on our website: [www.nyc.gov/queenscb8](http://www.nyc.gov/queenscb8). Remember to "Like" us on*

**facebook**

*Alvin Warshaviak, Chair*



*Marie Adam - Ovide, District Manager*

# *Community Board 8, Queens'* **FIFTH ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR!** **JOIN US FOR:**

*Free Health Screenings*

*Free Healthy & Nutritious Snacks*

*Fun Activities for Children - Bouncee House, etc...*

*Healthy Teeth/Gums Information & Free Dental Care Samples*

*Smoking Cessation Information and Samples*

*Health Insurance Information*

*Learn how to do CPR*

*... and much more!*



**WHEN:** **Friday, June 26, 2015**  
**(Rain or Shine)**

**TIME:** **3 p.m. - 6 p.m.**

**WHERE:** **Cunningham Park's Parking Lot**  
**196th Place / Union Turnpike**

**Call us at 718-264-7895 for more information**

**Please support our sponsors** →

## *Our Sponsors for the Health Fair are:*

*Bike New York*

*CUNY Queens College*

*Flushing Hospital Medical Center*

*Foodtown of Hollis*

*Friends of Cunningham Park*

*Grace O & P Med Supplies*

*Healthfirst*

*Hillside Manor Adult Day Health Care Center*

*Honorable Leroy Comrie, New York State Senator*

*Honorable Rory Lancman, New York City Council Member*

*Honorable Grace Meng, Member of Congress*

*Honorable Nily Rozic, New York State Assembly*

*LIJ Medical Center*

*Live On NY*

*My Gym Fresh Meadows*

*NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene*

*NYC Fire Department*

*NYC Police Department*

*Pilates Bodies NY*

*Queens Animal Health*

*Queens Hospital Center*

*Queens Public Library*

*Queens Community House*

*Silvercrest*

*SNAP*

*Sol-Center Chiropractic—Dr. Ara Bagdassarian*

*Union Medical Urgent Care*

*[This is a running list.]*

**If you would like to participate, please contact us no later than June 12th at 718-264-7895  
or via email at [qn08@cb.nyc.gov](mailto:qn08@cb.nyc.gov) - SPACE IS LIMITED**

**FREE Rain Barrel Giveaway!!**

In Partnership with  
NYC Department of Environmental Protection

**Benefits of Using a Rain Barrel:**

- Saves money
- Keeps your plants healthy
- Free car washes
- Eco-friendly and sustainable
- Easy to transport/carry

**Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> • 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.**  
Alley Pond Park, Queens  
@ Alley Pond Tennis Center  
(79-20 Winchester Blvd., Queens Village, NY 11427)

**RESERVE YOUR RAIN BARREL TODAY!!**  
For more information about this or any state/local issue, please contact  
Assemblyman David Weprin's Offices:

185-06 Union Turnpike  
Fresh Meadows, NY 11366  
718-454-3027

111-12 Atlantic Avenue, #5  
Richmond Hill, NY 11419  
718-805-2381

## Queens Immigration Task Force Directory

**Borough President Katz** has a directory of services for immigrant services. This directory is available online at:

[www.queensbp.org/policy/immigrant-affairs-intercultural-relations/](http://www.queensbp.org/policy/immigrant-affairs-intercultural-relations/)

This directory was compiled by the Borough Presidents' office of Immigrant and Intercultural Affairs.

*Printed copies may be obtained by calling Borough President Melinda Katz's office at (718) 286-2741 or by writing the office at 120-55 Queens Blvd. Kew Gardens, NY 11424.*



## Events at Cunningham Park

June 22, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. - New York Philharmonic with Fireworks.

June 29, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. - Puppet Show for Children.

Main Shakespeare Program at 8:00 p.m. Children's Workshop at 7:30 p.m.

July 30, 2015 - Shakespeare in the Park, Hip to Hip Theater Co.

Merry Wives of Windsor, District 23 City Council Funds

August 16, 2015 - Rain Date

### Concerts at the Park

August 20, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. - Just 60's, Council Member Rory Lancman

August 21, 2015 - Rain Date

### Movies under the stars programs begin at 8:00 p.m.

August 3, 2015 - Dead Poets Society, PG, District 23 City Council Funds

August 4, 2015 - Rain Date

August 10, 2015 - Raiders of the Lost Ark, PG, District 23 City Council Funds

August 11, 2015 - Rain Date

August 17, 2015 - Mr. Holland's Opus, PG, District 23 City Council Funds

August 18, 2015 - Rain Date

August 24, 2015 - Big Hero 6, PG, District 23 City Council Funds

August 25, 2015 - Rain Date

August 31, 2015 - Lagaan, Indian Business Association, Inc. begins at 7:30 p.m.

September 1, 2015 - Rain date





*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???*

### **Fines are higher for Repeat Sanitation Violators**

Any person who has pled or been found guilty or in default by the Environmental Control Board (ECB) for 12 or more Notices of Violation within a 12-month period will be deemed a repeat violator. Repeat violator designation applies even if the penalties are paid. Repeat violators may plead by mail; they do not have to appear in person. The violations that are included in this Repeat Violator program are:

	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Maximum</b>
Failure to Clean Sidewalk	\$100	\$300
Failure to Clean 18 Inches from Curb Into Street	\$100	\$300
Street Obstruction	\$150	\$300
Sidewalk Obstruction	\$100	\$300

### **Claim against The City of New York**

Pursuant to an update to New York State General Municipal Law, Section 50(e), the New York City Comptroller's Office must now provide for the electronic filing of claims against the City of New York. This on-line application (the eClaim system) will allow you to file an electronic notice of claim.

- ◆ By law, claims generally must be filed within ninety (90) days of the incident and eClaim will allow you to file at any time of the day
- ◆ **Only** Personal Injury and Property Damage claims can be filed electronically using the eClaim system.
- ◆ Electronic filing offers more flexibility in filing options to both attorneys and self-represented parties. Anyone with access to an internet connection can file a claim at any time using the eClaim system. It allows for a quick filing of a notice of claim, with no postage expenses or handling costs.
- ◆ After submitting a claim using the eClaim system, a message confirming receipt will appear on screen that the filer should print for their records.
- ◆ Forms can be found on the Claims forms section of the New York City Comptroller's website:

<http://comptroller.nyc.gov/forms-n-rfps/filing-claims/>

**For more information go to:**

<http://comptroller.nyc.gov/help/eclaims-faqs/>



## LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

- ◆ **164-02 Pizza Corp.** d/b/a Napoli restaurant & Pizzeria  
164-02 69th Avenue in Flushing, ***Renewal application for a Wine, Beer and Liquor License.***
- ◆ **Melodya & co Inc.**  
157-09 72nd Avenue in Flushing, ***Renewal application for a Wine, Beer and 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.***

### **Street Activity/Block Party Permit Request Received by Community Board 8 for June 2015:**



#### **Pomonok Farmer's Market**

*By Queens Community House*

**Every Wednesday** from June to October 2015

This will start on June 3rd from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

***Partial sidewalk of 67-09 Kissena Blvd.***

#### **Electchester Street Fair**

Sunday, June 7th from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

***161st Street bet. Jewel Avenue and 65th Avenue***

#### **St. Demetrios Greek Festival**

Friday, June 12th to Sunday, June 14th 4 to 10 p.m.

***84th Road between 152nd Street and Parsons Blvd.***

#### **Good Neighbor's Block Party**

*by the Briarwood Community Foundation*

Sunday, June 14th from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

***Manton Street between Main Street and 83rd Avenue***

The above was approved by CB8 and awaits the approval of Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO).

## DEMOLITION/VACATE NOTICE



- ◆ **61-42 168th Street** - Demolition
- ◆ **162-21 86th Avenue** - Demolition (*partial*)
- ◆ **68-04 147th Street** - Demolition
- ◆ **68-03 172nd Street** - Demolition (*garage only*)
- ◆ **75-48 180th Street** - Demolition
- ◆ **71-22 166th Street** - Demolition (*building & garage*)
- ◆ **77-36 169th Street** - Demolition (*building & garage*)
- ◆ **150-45 73rd Avenue - Apt. 1G** - Vacate Order

## CITY PARKING RULES

There are no scheduled suspensions of alternate side parking regulations for street cleaning purposes, traffic flow for the month of **June 2015.**



## **NYC Recycles**

**At the DSNY Safe Disposal event, you can recycle your electronics, and safely discard potentially harmful household products, including motor oil, paint and unwanted medications.**

**Cunningham Park - Ball field Parking Lot**

**Saturday, June 20, 2015**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Remember - you can be fined \$100 for illegally discarding your electronics.**

## **LiveOn NY**

*Formerly Council of Senior Centers and Services of NYC, Inc.*

**Free SNAP and SCRIE application assistance**

**Thursday, June 11, 2015**

**12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**Briarwood Library**

**85-12 Main Street**

**Briarwood, NY 11435**

Call AARP hotline for an appointment at:

**1-877-926-8300**

Call-ins are welcome too!



# June 2015

## Community Board 8, Queens

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>Youth, Education and Libraries Committee Meeting</b> 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside					
7	8	<b>Liquor License Committee Meeting</b> 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Avenue	<b>Board Meeting</b> 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike	11	12	13
14  <i>Flag Day</i>	15 <b>Transportation Committee Meeting</b> 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Avenue	16	17	Ramadan 18 	19 	20
21  <b>Father's Day/ Summer Begins</b> 	22	23	24	25	26 <b>CB8 Health Fair</b> at Cunningham Park (196th Place and Union)	27
28	29	30				