



MARCH 2017

COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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

- Minutes of January 11, 2017 Board Meeting were unanimously approved by 34 members.
- Chairperson Martha Taylor offered condolences to Florence Fisher on the loss of her husband Stanley Fisher.
- Guest Speaker – Kenneth Stewart, Director of Customer Relations – NYC Transit
- Topic: Access-A-Ride (AAR) – He explained that AAR provides transportation for people with disabilities whose disability prevents their use of accessible mass transit, public bus, or subway service for some or all of their trips. For more information and to apply, you can call 877-337-2017. Option 5 is a line that is open 24/7 to help customers with any issues that they may have.

Committee Reports:

Capital & Expense Budget Committee – **Marc A. Haken, Budget Director** – Fiscal Year 2018 Capital and Expense Budget Response to the Mayor's Preliminary Budget. A Public Hearing was held on February 6, 2017 and a letter was drafted in response to the Mayor's Preliminary Budget. It was presented for a hand vote and passed unanimously.

In Favor: 34

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Next Community Board 8 Meeting will be on **March 15, 2017** at 7:30 p.m. (Third Wednesday)
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:

Please heed the advice from Craigslist when purchasing through their service online. They encourage their clients to purchase locally, face to face and not extend payment to anyone they have not met personally. Beware of offers involving shipping. Under no circumstances should you wire funds to a stranger (i.e. by Western Union or MoneyGram etc.).

Here are a few examples of how they perpetrate these scams:

First, they post an item for sale at an unbelievable price. If it sounds too good to be true; **it usually is too good to be true.**

Second, they only provide an email address to do business. They reply with a tall tale (i.e. *I am selling this car because my husband died, I am divorced or my child died. I am sure I can get a lot more for this car but it brings me bad memories. Another reason is that they are in the military and will be stationed overseas for a year or more and they do not want to pay insurance for a car that won't be in use*) and they request your name and mailing address.

Third, since they have your mailing address, they will email to inform you that the car is in a far away City and State (i.e. Omaha, NE) and offer to ship it at no cost to you. To make you feel at ease, they claim that you will receive an email from eBay Motors, Amazon Services or some other reputable company. The email will have a bill with a reference number and name of both parties (seller and buyer). The email will appear to be sent from these companies, especially if you look at it from your cell phone, **except it is not.**

Lastly, the email will state that once you have made the payment to a third party by Western Union or MoneyGram, you will receive it in 2 to 3 days. The scammer will ask you to send a picture or give the reference number for the money transfer just so that he knows to remove this incredible deal from Craigslist. **Do not do this - never wire money.**

If you open this email from your personal computer (PC), you will see that the actual email address is not from these companies (i.e. the email may be from eBay@motors-support.team.org). Companies usually have a ".com" at the end of emails. If you check with eBay, they will have no record of this transaction. I was one of those fortunate people who checked with eBay by calling 866-540-3229, as it appeared fraudulent. After speaking to a representative from eBay, I learned that others already wired the money. They only contacted eBay when they never received the item.

*Prevent someone you care about from being a victim of this scam by sharing 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, please contact us at 718-264-7895 and provide your email address. This information is also available on our website: www.nyc.gov/queenscb8. Remember to "Like" us on

facebook

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE NEWS

According to Acting Commissioner Vincent Sapienza the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has installed over 2,000 curbside rain gardens. Rain gardens are designed to absorb rain water within 48 hours. This does not allow mosquitoes to breed since it takes 72 hours for them to develop.

The DEP has been working with their engineers and developed alternatives to the traditional rain gardens that would provide the same green infrastructure benefits:

Green Strips will function like a rain garden underground; however, it will look like the existing green planted strips that are currently on the sidewalks. There will be no guardrails. If a homeowner has already installed a sprinkler system in those areas, that location will not be considered for a green strip.

Porous Sidewalks will function like a rain garden underground; however, they will look like the existing concrete sidewalks. There will be no tree guards at these locations.

Are you a disabled property owner with a disabled license plate or parking placard? If so, DEP will allow you to opt-out of any Green Infrastructure in front of your home.

DEP'S WATER RESOURCES ART CONTEST



New York City Department of Environmental Protection will have its 31st Annual Water Resources Art & Poetry Contest. Second through twelfth grade students attending public, independent, charter or parochial schools (or homeschooled) in New York City and East and West of Hudson Watersheds are invited to create original art and compose poetry that reflects an appreciation for our shared water resources.

DEP's Water Resources Art & Poetry Contest complements STEM learning as it relates to various aspects of water and the environment. It is also aligned with New York State Learning Standards and New York City Performance Standards for elementary, middle and high school students, and Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts & Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science and Technical Subjects.

For more information about the 31st Annual Water Resources Art & Poetry Contest, please contact the DEP education office at educationoffice@dep.nyc.gov, 718-595-3506 or go to http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/environmental_education/artpoetry.shtml

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (SYEP)

The NYC Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) is seeking to enroll over 52,000 participants (ages 14-24) in the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) this summer. This is the largest enrollment in the city's history of administering SYEP, which means now more than ever, more of NYC youth are able to earn income through a job opportunity this summer! As a SYEP participant, you have the potential to earn \$11.00 an hour for up to 120 hours (Ages 14-15) or up to 150 hours (Ages 16-24).

Central Queens YMCA is pleased to announce the release of the SYEP 2017 Participant Application!

Please complete a participant application using the link below if you are:

- A New York City resident
- Between the ages 14-24
- Able to provide the appropriate documentation if selected

Go to: <https://application.nycsyep.com>

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please reach out to youthemployment@cqy.org.
<https://application.nycsyep.com>

NYPD

Queens South Community Affairs Young Men's

PROM GIVEAWAY

Sometimes achieving a large dream means first making the small ones happen.

Please help us by donating your new or slightly used clothes (suits, sport jackets, dress shirts, ties, belts, and shoes) etc.. to make a difference in the life of a High School Senior.

*For More Information Please Call/ Text
Sgt. Clarke (917)681-5426*



Carry reusable bags!



Even though New York State has suspended the implementation of the New York City carryout bag law, DSNY remains committed to reducing the use of single-use plastic bags, and continues to encourage New Yorkers to use convenient reusable bags. Using reusable bags saves taxpayers money, helps reduce the amount of waste we send to landfills, and helps keep bags out of our trees, streets and waterways. DSNY is distributing 400,000 reusable bags across the City. Check their bag giveaway [event page](http://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/zerowaste/residents/carryout-bag-fee.shtml) at <http://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/zerowaste/residents/carryout-bag-fee.shtml> for a location near you. Or, take the [Zero Waste Pledge](http://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/contact/programs/zero-waste-pledge.shtml) at <http://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/contact/programs/zero-waste-pledge.shtml> to receive a free reusable bag in the mail. Be sure to visit www.nyc.gov/zerowaste regularly for updated information.

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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...*



Did you know???

Licensed Stands

Fruit and vegetable, cigar, cigarette, tobacco, confectionery, ice cream, soft drink, flower, and shoe shine stands must be licensed by the Department of Consumer Affairs. Each licensed stand may extend no more that 4 feet from the store, but where the sidewalk is at least 16 feet wide, the licensed stand may extend no more than 5 feet from the front of the store. Each stand may be no more than 10 feet long and 7 feet high. The stand must be a permanent structure (for example, no folding tables or boxes set on crates), enclosed on the end with no protruding objects, and must not extend beyond the property line. In addition, items must not be placed in front of the stand, and sales must occur inside the store. Stands and displays are not permitted in front of residential houses or buildings.

§16-118 (2)(a).....Fine: \$100—\$300
§20-237



Assemblyman David I. Weprin

Town Hall
 Thursday, March 23rd
 At hillcrest Jewish Center
 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 183-02 Union Turnpike

**City & State agencies will be in attendance.
 Please RSVP by calling: 718-454-3027**

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION (S)



- ◆ **Compass Group USA, Inc.**
65-30 Kissena Boulevard in Flushing *Renewal of Liquor, Wine, Beer and Cider License*
- ◆ **Shlomo Morali d/b/a Turquoise Restaurant**
189-23 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows *Renewal of Wine, Beer and Cider License*
- ◆ **NYC Cloud 9 Corp. d/b/a Cloud 9**
179-22 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows *Renewal of Liquor, Wine, Beer and Cider 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.



Melinda Katz

President, Borough of Queens



Queens Borough President Melinda Katz cordially invite you to a Queens

“UNITY IN DIVERSITY”
RALLY

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2017 AT 4:00 PM

FRONT STEPS OF QUEENS BOROUGH HALL
120-55 QUEENS BLVD
KEW GARDENS, NY 11424

Join faith leaders, elected officials, community leaders, and neighborhood residents as we draw strength from our diverse traditions & stand in solidarity as one Borough.

Please RSVP
queensbp.org/rsvp or (718) 286-2661

Fresh Meadows

Ballroom Dancing With Jung Chen



Thursdays
March 2nd to June 29th
6:30 p.m.
193-20 Horace Harding Expressway
718-454-7272
Q17 Q30 Q88



Street Activity/Block Party Permit Request



There is no Street Activity/Block Party scheduled for the month of March.

DEMOLITION/VACATE NOTICE



- ◆ 61-15 184th Street - Full Demolition
- ◆ 175-22 Horace Harding Expwy. - Full Demolition
- ◆ 181-62 Tudor Road - Garage only

CITY PARKING RULES

The City suspends alternate side parking regulations, for both street cleaning purposes and traffic flow, on legal and/or religious holidays.


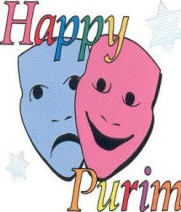




Ash Wednesday..... **Wednesday, March 1st**
Purim..... **Sunday, March 12th**
Remember, parking meters are still in effect.



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Community Board 8, Queens

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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12* 	13	14 Liquor License Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Avenue	15 Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike	16	17 	18
19 	20	21	22	23	24	25
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"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible. "

-Saint Francis of Assisi

*All Jewish Holidays start at sundown on the preceding date.