



May 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, Jatnna 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 by 30 members.
- ◆ **First Vice Chair Stanley Weinblatt:** He welcomed our new Community Board 8 Members: Sylvia Hernandez and Douglas Sherman

◆ **Mark Lefkof – Chair of Nominating Committee:**

Alvin Warshaviak was nominated to serve as **Chairperson**
Stanley Weinblatt was nominated to serve as **1st Vice-Chair**
Martha Taylor was nominated to serve as **2nd Vice-Chair**
Seymour Schwartz was nominated to serve as **3rd Vice-Chair**
Carolyn Baker Brown was nominated to serve as **Executive Secretary**
Harbachan Singh was nominated to serve as **Treasurer**

- ◆ **Zoning Committee – Zoning for Quality and Affordability Text Amendment:** A motion was made to approve sending a letter requesting the extension of the comment period. The vote passed unanimously.

In Favor: 35

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Next Community Board 8 Meeting will be on WEDNESDAY, May 13, 2015 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:

With the proliferation of the use of mobile/cellular telephones, the public payphones are being used less and less. The public telephones are no longer being replaced once they are broken. The booths, however, remain on the public sidewalks. The panels are currently used for advertisement and to display Community Board information. Wouldn't it be great if these booths could be repurposed for the wave of the future?

*The future is now... **LinkNYC**. The City is planning on removing these booths and replacing them with narrower kiosks through this project. They will use the existing access to the fiber optics and electricity which will save us a substantial amount of money. By the end of 2015, they expect 200 units to be placed in commercial areas as part of a pilot program. By the end of 2016, they anticipate about 500 units citywide. They anticipate earning revenue for the City through advertisement. This will create 100 to 150 full-time local jobs and an estimated 650 support jobs. In addition, these kiosks will have the following free services for our residents:*

1. 24/7 free Internet access with up to gigabit speeds
2. Integrated lighting
3. Digital displays to provide insight-driven and intelligently programmed advertising & public service announcements
4. Android tablet with touch screen display, directional speaker & microphone
5. Tactile keypad & Braille lettering, dedicated 911 button, USB charger, headphone jack
6. Iconic and durable aluminum construction designed and built in NYC
7. Sleek design and decreased footprint to restore sidewalk space and improve visual continuity



If the pilot program is successful, the goal is to have about 12,000 kiosks in years to come. There are about 10,000 existing structures that were used as payphones. The City will only have to install 2,000 new electrical and fiber optics wiring stations to reach their goal of 12,000. For more information, please go to: www.link.nyc

Please share this information 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. Remember to "Like" us on

facebook

SAVE THE DATE!
COMMUNITY BOARD 8's ANNUAL HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR
FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2015



NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

RORY I. LANCMAN



FRESH MEADOWS

May 3, 2015 FAMILY DAY

1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.



***FREE LIGHT REFRESHMENTS**

INFLATABLES

GAMES

ARTS & CRAFTS

AND MORE!



UTOPIA PLAYGROUND UTOPIA PARKWAY AND 73RD AVENUE

For more information, please contact Council Member Lancman's office at (212) 217-4969

*Kosher options will be provided.



Assemblymember

DAVID I. WEPRIN

YOU'RE INVITED!

Please join us as we celebrate our anniversary serving the Richmond Hill area. Come in to address your community related concerns with our staff.

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, June 7, 2015

12:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.

111-12 Atlantic Avenue (#5)

Richmond Hill, NY 11419

Behind the Atlantic Diner

Light refreshments will be served!

To RSVP, please call us at
(718) 805-2381



THIS EVENT IS FREE

It's My Park Day...

Cunningham Park
193rd Street off Union Turnpike
Saturday, May 16, 2015

Friends of Cunningham Park

Tree Giveaway, Park Clean-up and Planting!

9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Volunteer to help us grow and nurture our community! Volunteers can earn community service credit.

Contact: Kitty Azhar, Event Coordinator at:
Greening.volunteers@gmail.com

To register for free trees go to:

http://www.nyrp.org/Greening_Sustainability/MillionTreesNYC/Tree_Giveaways/Queens_Tree_Giveaways

Friends of Cunningham Park
P.O. Box 660134
Utopia Station

West Cunningham Park

Civic Association

It's My Park Day!

10:00 a.m. to Noon

Residents and students will meet at the flagpole near Union Turnpike and 193rd Street to cleanup the park.!

The Department of Parks and Recreation will provide gloves and tools.
The Civic will provide refreshments!
Volunteers can earn community service credit.

Contact the Civic through Bob Harris at (718) 468-4298
or through Benny & Rosa Wong at
asiamythology@gmail.com



*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???

Housing Information Guide for Tenants and Owners

A housing information guide, the “ABCs of Housing,” is available on the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development’s website at www.nyc.gov/hpd. This guide is also available in print by calling 311.

The guide contains information about the following topics:

- ◆ Eviction
- ◆ Heat and hot water
- ◆ Pest management
- ◆ Tenant organizations
- ◆ Rent-regulated leases
- ◆ Rental assistance for elderly or disabled tenants
- ◆ Housing discrimination
- ◆ Repairs and maintenance
- ◆ Tenant response to owner notifications
- ◆ Access for owner inspections and repair
- ◆ Free and low-cost legal services

Fire Safety - Prohibited Use

It is strictly prohibited and illegal in New York City to:

- ◆ store or use a propane grill on the roof of any building.
- ◆ use a charcoal grill on the roof of any building.
- ◆ store or use a propane grill on a residential property with a three or more family residence.
- ◆ store or use a propane grill on the terrace or balcony of an apartment building.

The use of portable outdoor patio fireplaces, patio hearths, fire pits and chimneys are strictly prohibited and illegal in New York City.



LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

- ◆ **Tikka Lounge & Restaurant Inc.** d/b/a H2O Lounge & Restaurant
153-33 Hillside Avenue in Jamaica, ***Renewal application for a Wine, Beer and Liquor License.***
- ◆ **Grace Lanes LLC** d/b/a JIB Lanes
67-19 Parsons Blvd in Flushing, ***Renewal application for a Wine, Beer and Liquor License.***
- ◆ **Main St. Salad Corp.** d/b/a Bedford Kitchen & Wine Bar
69-44 Main Street in Flushing, ***Alteration application from a Wine and Beer License to a Wine, Beer and Liquor License.***
- ◆ **Trio Eia Inc.**
181-34 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows, ***New application for a 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

CITY PARKING RULES

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

Solemnity of the Ascension..... May 14th

Shavuot..... May 24th - May 25th

Memorial Day..... May 25th



DEMOLITION/VACATE NOTICE



- ◆ 75-63 185th Street - Demolition (partial)
- ◆ 176-40 Kildare Road - Demolition (partial)



Queens Borough Public Library

QPL announced that it expanded its mobile technology lending program to more libraries.

Borrowers will be asked to sign a borrower's agreement (first time, only). Please bring a photo ID.

The nearest locations within/near Community Board 8 are:

FRESH MEADOWS

193-20 Horace Harding Exp.
Fresh Meadows, NY 11365

HILLCREST

187-05 Union Tpke.
Flushing, NY 11366

CENTRAL LIBRARY

89-11 Merrick Blvd
Jamaica, NY 11432

FLUSHING

41-17 Main Street
Flushing, NY 11355

BAYSIDE

214-20 Northern Boulevard
Bayside, NY 11364

NYPD Patrol Boro Queens South

Memorial Mass in memory of fallen officers who have given the ultimate sacrifice by laying down their lives for others.

**Friday, May 8, 2015
10:00 a.m.**



**Immaculate Conception Church
86-45 Edgerton Boulevard
Jamaica, NY 11432**

MTA New York City Transit

Fall 2015 Proposed Subway Changes:

- ◆ Weekday **2** service - increase of 2 round trips in the evening
- ◆ Weekday **7** service - increase of 2 round trips in the evening
- ◆ Weekday **D** service - decrease 1 round trip (one southbound trip in morning and one northbound trip in the afternoon)
- ◆ Weekday **L** service - increase of 7 round trip in the midday
- ◆ Weekday **M** service - increase 1 round trip (one northbound trip in the morning and one southbound trip in the afternoon).

May 2015

Community Board 8, Queens



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<i>Mother's Day</i> 10 	11	Liquor License Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Avenue 12	Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike 13	<i>Solemnity of the Ascension</i> 14 	15	 16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<i>Shavuot</i> 24 	<i>Memorial Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i> 25 	26	27	28	29	30
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