



COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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CHAIRPERSON: Martha Taylor
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1st VICE CHAIR: Stanley Weinblatt
2nd VICE CHAIR: Seymour Schwartz
3rd VICE CHAIR: Michael Hannibal
EXEC. SECRETARY: Carolyn Baker-Brown
TREASURER: Harbachan Singh

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Honorable Barry Grodenchik - 23rd District
Honorable Rory Lancman - 24th District

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Honorable Melinda Katz

STAFF

Alma Karassavidis
Jatnna Reyes
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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, Dilafrooz 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 Maureen 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 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

* **New Members**

Voluntary Organics Recycling is Coming to Community Board 8Q in the Fall!

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

- ◆ The Minutes of April 19, 2017 Board Meeting were unanimously approved by 33 members.
- ◆ **Chairperson Martha Taylor:**
Community Board 8 welcomed two new Board Members: **John Gebhard and Dr. Penny M. Stern**. The Chairperson introduced Mr. Gebhard who was present at the meeting. She offered condolences to Tami Hirsch for the loss of her husband, Irving Hirsch. She wished Board member Seymour Schwartz a full recovery.
The Equal Employment Practices Commission did an audit of all Community Boards to determine if they met the standards for Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) for the period of January 1, 2013 to present. The Commission determined that CB8 was in compliance.
- ◆ A "Letter of Support" was sent to Borough President Katz for funding the KEYS program.
- ◆ A "Letter of No Objection" was sent for Cornerstone Medical Arts for an additional 15 beds for substance abuse.
- ◆ **Nominations - Executive Board Member Kevin Forrestal:**
 - ◇ **Martha Taylor** was nominated to serve as **Chairperson**
 - ◇ **Stanley Weinblatt** was nominated to serve as **1st Vice Chair**

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Next Community Board 8 Meeting will be on **Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.**
Minutes of Board Meetings are available on our website: www.nyc.gov/queenscb8 within two weeks.

- ◇ Seymour Schwartz was nominated to serve as 2nd Vice Chair
- ◇ Michael Hannibal was nominated to serve as 3rd Vice Chair
- ◇ Harbachan Singh was nominated to serve as Treasurer
- ◇ Carolyn Baker Brown was nominated to serve as Executive Secretary

◆ Liquor License Committee:

Cuzco Peru BBQ Chicken -138-13B Queens Blvd.: Applied to upgrade to full liquor license albeit located within 500 feet of other establishments. A “Letter of No Objection” was sent to the State Liquor Authority (SLA). This business is in good standing and provided all pertinent documents requested by the Board. There will be a full-time bartender; added security; bartenders will complete the ATAP courses and the staff will maintain the cleanliness in front of the establishment.

NYC Cloud 9 Corp.—179-22 Union Tpke.: This establishment met with the Liquor License committee to request renewal of their application [*currently suspended*]. The owner had no written plan of action to address security issues. A shooting occurred in 2015 near the establishment. Another shooting by a patron occurred in 2016. A Letter of objection was sent to the SLA against this renewal.

A Word from the District Manager ...

Dear Community Board 8 Resident:

*This fall, the Department of Sanitation will initiate **organics** recycling in Community Board 8Q. This is a pilot program primarily for one (1) to nine (9) family dwellings. For those residing in buildings with ten (10+) or more units, you can participate by having the management contact the DSNY at: on.nyc.gov/request-organics.*

*All properties with one (1) to nine (9) family dwellings will receive information about this directly from DSNY by mail in the fall. After you receive information about this program, you will receive a **brown bin** to keep outside and a small white bin to keep in your kitchen. As you prepare your meals, place all food items (i.e. food scraps, spoiled food, expired food) into the kitchen bin. You may line it with a biodegradable bag. Empty it into the brown bin. Place the brown bins out on your recycling day. Organics are collected along with your recyclables every week. These bins will have a spot for you to write your address. Please write your address with permanent marker to ensure that they are returned to you.*

It will take approximately a month to distribute the bins prior to the beginning of organics collection. The brown bins have a latch and they are rodent proof. The DSNY has been working with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to ensure that they are. We hope that all residents participate!

*All districts in New York City will join this program by 2020. If you find this information useful, please share it 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

Shop for Fresh Fruits, Vegetables
and more at
Cunningham Park!



Every Sunday
from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

From: Sunday, May 28, 2017
To: Sunday, November 19, 2017

*Brought to you by the Department of Parks and Recreation,
Community Board 8Q, the Jamaica Estates Association and
Friends of Cunningham Park.*

**Join FDNY
on
Sunday, May 7, 2017**



**Battalion 50
111-02 Queens Boulevard**

*Take a tour * View demonstrations * Learn fire and
life safety tips * Explore FDNY careers *
...and much more!*

Sessions are:

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Come celebrate
It's My Park Day!

As part of our ongoing effort to beautify and support our park,
Friends of Cunningham Park will be participating in It's My Park Day by
cleaning up, planting and beautifying our neighborhood park.

When: Saturday, May 20th @9:00AM -1PM

Where: Cunningham Park, Union Turnpike and 196th St.

Sign in at the Park house behind the bocce courts, to the right of the tennis
courts. Beautification sites are located throughout the park. Register at the sign in
table to find out where your help is needed. Thanks!

Volunteers are needed!

Contact: Kitty Azhar, event coordinator, greening.volunteers@gmail.com

Volunteers can earn community service credit. Help us beautify our
neighborhood park and make a contribution to the environment.

Volunteer to help us grow and nurture our



Friends of Cunningham Park
P. O. Box 660134
Utopia Station
Flushing NY 11366-0134
www.friendsofcunninghampark.org



JOIN TRIPS FOR KIDS NY FOR FREE MEMORIAL DAY EVENT



**SATURDAY MAY 27TH
10 AM - 2 PM**

Cunningham Park Queens NY
210 St. Playground @ 73rd Ave

FUN ACTIVITIES:

- Beginner Mountain Bike Lessons
- Guided Trail Rides
- Bike Art
- Demo Bikes



RSVP TO: <https://2017-northwoods-family-memorial-day-trail-ride.eventbrite.com>



GPS Coordinates: 40.739191, -73.766328
FOR INFO EMAIL: info@fkmstrong.org

State Senator Leroy Comrie, Assembly Member Alicia Hyndman,
and Council Member I. Daneek Miller present a

FAMILY RESOURCE EXPO



Saturday, May 6, 2017

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
(doors open 8:30 AM)

York College Atrium
94-20 Guy R. Brewer Blvd.,
Jamaica, NY 11435

Informational
workshops hosted
by field experts

Greetings and
welcome address
from esteemed
guest speakers

Guest Speakers:

DOE Chancellor Carmen Fariña, NYS Board of Regents Dr. Lester Young, Jr.,
Queens Public Library CEO Dennis Walcott.

Workshops:

Special education * NYCDOE - NYC Men Teach * How to Increase H.S. Options *
Misuse and Abuse of Prescription Drugs * Credit and Credit Management * How to
Successfully Apply and Pay for College. **Register by calling (718) 765-6359.**

A message from...

Council Member Barry Grodenchik



Graffiti is a crime and an eyesore in our community.
We will not tolerate any graffiti in our neighborhoods as it negatively
impacts both home owners and small business people.

This year, I have provided funding to the **Queens Economic Development Corporation (QEDC)** to help clean up graffiti in our beautiful district. QEDC will provide the necessary services to remove graffiti that is reported. If you see graffiti in your neighborhood, please call (718) 468-0137.

**Thank you for helping to keep our city clean, and
let's make Eastern Queens a graffiti-free zone!**



FOOD SAFETY WORKSHOP
PRACTICING "A" GRADE FOOD SAFETY

An "A" grade means more business, fewer fines, and less frequent inspection. Register today to learn how to achieve and maintain the highest food safety standards.

Thursday, May 4, 2017

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Office of Queens Borough Hall President Melinda Katz
Queens Borough Hall
120-55 Queens Boulevard, Room 200
Kew Gardens, NY 11424

At this event you will:

- ◆ Learn to achieve and maintain an "A" grade.
- ◆ Receive an inspection history report that describes your restaurant's repeat violations and how to correct them.
- ◆ Be able to ask questions and receive guidance from Health Department Staff on improving your restaurant's food safety practices.

To register, visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/QueensFood

For more information, call 646-632-6001 or email Infobfscs@health.nyc.gov



NYPD
CRIME PREVENTION DIVISION

SCAM
ALERT

In recent weeks we've received reports of a "Con Edison" phone scam targeting small businesses.



HERE'S WHAT HAPPENS:

You receive a call from someone claiming to be from Con Edison. Your caller ID may even display Con Edison's name. The caller tells you that your bill is past due and that your services will be shut off immediately if you do not submit a payment over the phone.

IT IS A SCAM!!!

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO!

HANG UP!

Utility companies **DO NOT** shut off services over the phone. Review a recent bill and call the number on the back. **YOU** initiate the call to customer service. They will tell you your current bill status.

DO NOT GO OUT AND PURCHASE A GIFT CARD TO PAY OVER THE PHONE!





*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???

Buildings

- **Central A/C installation** – they are allowed in front of properties as long as they are covered.
- **Condensers** are allowed on side yards.
- **Gas Fed Emergency Generators** require DOB permits prior to installation.
- **Paving of front yards** – Yard Text Amendment of April 2008 forbids paving entire front yards. It also requires that a certain percentage of the front yards have greenspace.
- **Fences** are allowed on property lines – If unsure as to where the property lines are, it is recommended that you get a private surveyor to determine lot lines.

§16-308(h) Yard Waste

Yard waste generated by landscapers **cannot** be set out by landscapers for DSNY collection, nor can landscapers disperse such yard waste in or around the curb or street. Landscapers that generate yard waste are required by law to collect and dispose of any yard waste that they generate at a permitted composting facility. However, if the DSNY Commissioner gives written notice that there is not sufficient capacity at permitted composting facilities within NYC (or within 10 miles of the borough where yard waste was generated), landscapers may dispose of yard waste at any permitted solid waste facility.

FINE: \$250 - 1st Offense
 \$1,000 - 2nd Offense within 12 months
 \$2,500 - 3rd and Subsequent Offenses within 12 months

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION (S)



◆ Yao's Kitchen Inc. d/b/a Red House Asian Fusion
192-03 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows *New Liquor, Wine, Beer and Cider License*

◆ AACJ Enterprise LLC (Revised Application)
181-08 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows *New 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.

DEMOLITION/VACATE NOTICE



- ◆ 69-74 181st Street - Partial Demolition
- ◆ 141-46 Pershing Crescent - Partial Demolition
- ◆ 81-44 189th Street - Full Demolition
- ◆ 135-04 78th Road - Full Demolition
- ◆ 175-22 Horace Harding Exp. - Excavation
Removal of motor fuel storage tanks.

CITY PARKING RULES

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



Memorial Day.....Monday, May 29th
Shavuot.....Wednesday, May 31st

Remember, parking meters are still in effect.

Alternate Side Parking Suspension

Alternate Side Parking (ASP) suspension has been extended as the Kew Gardens Public Library is being renovated and will end on June 30, 2017. This is to facilitate parking for our residents.

- 72nd Road (147th Street to Main Street)
- Vleigh Place (Main Street to 72nd Road)

Save the Date!

Community Board 8Q's
8th Annual Health Fair will be on
Friday, June 30, 2017
2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Cunningham Park

We are still accepting vendors. If you would like to be a vendor, please email us at qn08@cb.nyc.gov

Add CB8 Health Fair on the subject line.

Street Activity/Block Party Permit Request



Lag Baomer - May 14, 2017 (1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
77th Avenue (bet. Main Street and 147th Street)

Street Festival - May 21, 2017 (10:00 a.m. to 6 p.m.)
Highland Avenue (bet. 165th Street and 166th Street)

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



May 2017

Community Board 8, Queens

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 National Teacher's Day! 	3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo May 5 	6
7	8	9 Liquor License Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside	10 Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike	11	12	13
14 Happy Mother's Day  Lag B'Omer	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27  Ramadan Mubarak
28  Memorial Day	29	30	31  Shavuot			

May is National Foster Parenting Month...

"Families don't have to match. You don't have to look like someone else to love them."

- Leigh Anne Tuohy

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