



Mid-Summer

COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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

- The minutes of the May 10, 2017 Board Meeting were unanimously approved by 35 members.
- Chairperson Martha Taylor welcomed back Board Member Rachele Van Arsdale, who recently became a new mother.
- She announced the arrival of Down to Earth Farmer’s Market in Cunningham Park, which will be open on Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. through November 19th.
- She reported that the Big Apple Circus, who recently filed for bankruptcy, is back in business and intends to come back to Cunningham Park next year. She stated that the Friends of Cunningham Park have drafted a letter to Parks Commissioner Mitchell Silver against their return. A motion was made for a recommendation to the Parks Department that the Big Apple Circus does not return to Cunningham Park.

In Favor: 36

Opposed: 2

Abstained: 0

- Committee Reports: Steve Konigsberg, Zoning Committee Chair

ULURP App. No. M851031D ZSQ – 193-02 Horace Harding Expressway/BBL 4-717-189

A public hearing was held on June 5, 2017 for an application to modify existing Special Permit and Restrictive Declaration to eliminate the existing management office from the ground floor and create a new two-bedroom apartment, 1,180 sf., at the rear of the building.

In Favor: 37

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Next Community Board 8 Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

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:

Do you have gas piping work that was done without a Department of Buildings' permit? You have now the opportunity to repair and resolve this issue under the Gas Piping Work Civic Penalty Amnesty Program. Don't delay, time is running out for this opportunity.

According to the Department of Buildings, effective April 5, 2017, Local Law 158 of 2016 establishes this program to encourage the repair and resolution of any gas piping work completed without a permit. Any associated Department of Buildings civil penalties for legalization of fuel gas piping systems or a violation for work without a permit associated with fuel gas piping systems will be waived provided that:

- The work was performed or the violations were issued prior to April 5, 2017 ;
- Applicants obtain a permit to resolve the improper work between April 5, 2017 and October 5, 2017; and
- Applicants have the job sign off by the Department one year from the day the permit was issued.

For more information on the Gas Piping Work Civic Penalty Amnesty Program, please contact the LAA Unit by email at LAA-Amnesty@buildings.nyc.gov.

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

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

New Business Recycling Rules

All businesses in New York City are required to recycle certain materials and ensure to their best ability that those recyclable materials are properly handled by their private carter.

Please contact 311 or visit on.nyc.gov/business-recycling for more information.

RULES TIMELINE



PAY OFF NYC CHILD SUPPORT DEBT . TWICE AS FAST. TWO WEEKS ONLY.

NYC Department of Social Services/Human Resources Administration (HRA)

Pay It Off - August 9, 2017 - August 23, 2017

Make a payment of \$500 or more toward child support debt permanently owed to NYC and we will **match that payment**.

Two weeks to get two times the credit.

You might also qualify for an additional immediate reduction. Call 929-252-5200 for details!

- \$500 is only the minimum payment in 2016. The average payment was about \$3,290.
- We can't reduce your debt below \$0.
- The debt must be permanently owed to the New York City Department of Social Services.

How to Pay?

Come to our Customer Service Walk-In Center
151 West Broadway, 4th Floor
New York, NY 10013

Hours:

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
(Aug. 12 and 19 only)

Pay By:

- Credit card
- Debit card (must have Visa or MasterCard logo)
- Certified check or personal check
- Money order

Make checks and money orders payable to : NYC Child Support Collection Unit

For more information, call 929-252-5200



ST. JOHN'S
UNIVERSITY

19th Annual Great Lawn Summer Concert

St. John's University in partnership with the Queens Symphony Orchestra, presents:



A Midsummer's Enchanted Evening

QUEENS
symphony
ORCHESTRA



Featuring Christopher Macchio, Tenor & Martin Majkut, Queens Symphony Orchestra's newly appointed Music Director

Enjoy an evening of enchanting arias and songs sung by tenor Christopher Maccio,
plus the lush and romantic Symphony No. 5 by Tchaikovsky.

Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at 7 p.m.

St. John's University Great Lawn
FREE Admission and Parking

For more information, please call 718-990-5892 or communityrelations@stjohns.edu, or visit stjohns.edu



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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME 2017



TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.

ELECTCHESTER SHOPPING CENTER

ACROSS FROM 158-11 HARRY VAN ARSDALE JR. AVENUE

PLEASE STOP BY NEW YORK HOSPITAL OF QUEENS BLOOD DONOR CENTER MOBILE UNIT



**PRESENTED BY THE 107TH PCT. AND THE 107TH PCT. COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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Fresh Meadows Neighbors Day

WHERE: Electric Park

**WHEN: Sat, July 29, 2017
2PM to 6PM**

WHAT: Healthcare Services, Kids Activities, Free Gifts & More

WHY: To share love and services to our neighbors

WHO: Queens Herald Church & New Life Community Health Center

NEW LIFE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

For those interested in volunteering for the event, please sign up @ www.qhc.org



*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???

A message from NYC Department of Finance

Through August 11th, the Department of Finance will be providing one-on-one assistance for various programs - including the Senior Citizen Homeowner Exemption (SCHE), Disabled Homeowner Exemption (DHE), Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE), and Disability Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE) - at the walk-in centers in Manhattan, Brooklyn, and the Bronx. Residents can sit down with DOF staff to get the help they need.

Common SCHE/DHE questions and issues that will be answered or resolved include:

- How do I renew my application?
- What is the status of my application?
- Which exemptions do I currently receive, and are there others I might be eligible for?
- What options are available if my application was declined or I lost my exemption due to an increase in my income?

Constituents interested in the rent freeze programs can visit DOF Centers to find out:

- Whether they are eligible for either exemption (SCRIE or DRIE).
- How to complete an initial or renewal application.
- The status of existing applications.
- What to do if their SCRIE or DRIE exemptions were revoked.

You are encouraged to make an appointment by calling 212-291-HOME (4663).

(Appointments are recommended, but not required.)

For more information, please visit <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/finance/about/contact-us-assistance-centers.page>.

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION (S)



- ◆ **Tierras Centroamericanas Rest. Corp.**
87-52 168th Street in Jamaica, ***Renewal application for Beer License and Cider License***
- ◆ **Main St. Salad Corp. d/b/a Bedford Kitchen & Wine Bar**
69-44 Main Street in Flushing, ***Renewal application for a full Liquor License***
- ◆ **175 Singh Brothers, Inc. d/b/a Parsons Ale House**
79-08/10 Parsons Blvd. in Flushing, ***Renewal application for a 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.

DEMOLITION/VACATE NOTICE



- 176-25 Jewel Avenue - Demolition
- 184-20 Aberdeen Road - Demolition (garage only)
- 75-32 195th Street - Demolition (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.



Feast of Assumption.....Tuesday, August 15th

Remember, parking meters are still in effect.

Street Activity/Block Party Permit Request



Residents of 154th Street Annual Block Party - Saturday, August 5, 2017 (1:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)
154th Street (bet. Union Turnpike and 79th Avenue)

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

Free Cunningham Park Events!

Monday, August 7, 2017

Just '60s Concert

7:30 p.m.–10:00 p.m.

Location: Main Park House (in Cunningham Park)

Monday, August 14, 2017

Movies Under the Stars: 1776

8:00 p.m.–11:00 p.m.

Location: Main Park House (in Cunningham Park)

Thursday, August 10, 2017

Shakespeare in the Park: Measure for Measure

7:30 p.m.–10:00 p.m.

Location: Main Park House (in Cunningham Park)

Thursday, August 17, 2017

Shakespeare in the Park: Henry IV

7:30 p.m.–10:00 p.m.

Location: Main Park House (in Cunningham Park)

Sunday, August 13, 2017

NYRR Open Run: Cunningham Park

9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

Location: Main Park House (in Cunningham Park)



2017

Community Board 8, Queens

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“ I am Summer, come to lure you away from your computer... come dance on my fresh grass, dig your toes into my beaches. ~Oriana Green

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