



May

COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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CHAIRPERSON: Martha Taylor
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3rd VICE CHAIR: Mary Maggio
EXEC. SECRETARY: Carolyn Brown
TREASURER: Harbachan Singh
BUDGET DIRECTOR: Marc A. Haken

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Honorable Barry Grodenchik - 23rd District
Honorable James Gennaro - 24th District

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Honorable Donovan Richards

STAFF

DISTRICT MANAGER: Marie Adam-Ovide
Jatnna Reyes, Community Associate
Izabela Szczepanska, Community Assistant
Nicholas Mejia, PT Community Service Aide (NEW!)

BOARD MEMBERS BY AREA

Area 1 – Kew Gardens Hills

Mitch Lisker – CHAIR, Heather Bennett-Idels, Susan D. Cleary, Florence Fisher, Joshua Glikman, Jennifer Martin, Rabbi Shlomo Nisanov, Simon Pelman, Deepti Sharma and Jacob Weinberg

Area 2 – Briarwood

Seymour Schwartz - CHAIR, Carolyn Brown, Solomon Davydov, Allen Eisenstein, John Gebhard, Elke Maerz, Wendy Phaff, Mohammad Rahman, Charlton Rhee, Douglas Sherman

Area 3 - Hillcrest Estates & Jamaica Hills

Kevin Forrestal - CHAIR, Dilafroz Ahmed, Ahsan Habib, Bhitihara-Martha Fulton, Paul Lazauskas, Hersh Parekh and Frances Peterson

Area 4 – Flushing Heights, Flushing Suburban, Hillcrest

Jagir Singh Bains—CHAIR, Kenneth Cohen II, Steven Konigsberg, Dilip Nath and Dr. Penny M. Stern

Area 5 – Georgetown Mews, Pomonok, Electchester, Flushing

Mary Maggio – CHAIR, Carolann Foley, Tamika Williams-Moore

Area 6 – Utopia, Fresh Meadows, West Cunningham Park

Maria DeInnocentiis – CHAIR, James Gallagher, Jr., Tami Hirsch, Alan Ong and Tamara Osherov

Area 7 – Jamaica Estates & Holliswood

Howard Fried – CHAIR, Dr. Robert Block, Edward Chung, Marc A. Haken, Michael Hannibal, David Mordukaev, Jesse Rosenbaum, Harbachan Singh, Martha Taylor and Mohammed Tohin

Small Business Owners...Federal help is on its way! Page 4-5

Virtual Community Board Meeting Re-cap

- The Minutes of March 10, 2021 Board Meeting were unanimously approved by 41 members.
- **Chairperson Martha Taylor:**
Chairperson Taylor introduced our new members: Ahsan Habib, Deepti Sharma and Tamika Williams-Moore. She informed every one of the passing of Deputy Inspector Denis Mullaney. He wasn't here very long and because of the pandemic few of us got to meet him. He will be missed. She asked for a moment of silence in his memory.
Congratulations to Board Member Susan Cleary who has been re-appointed to the Queens Solid Waste Advisory Committee by the Borough President Richards. Congratulations to Board Member Kevin Forrestal who will Represent Community Board 8 at DEP's Sustainable Rate Structure Analysis Advisory Committee
- **Kevin Forrestal – Chair of Nominating Committee:**

*Martha Taylor was nominated to serve as Chairperson
Michael Hannibal was nominated to serve as 1st Vice Chair
Seymour Schwartz was nominated to serve as 2nd Vice Chair
Mary Maggio 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*

No one was nominated from the floor. The Board will vote on the these nominees next month.

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Next Community Board 8 Meeting will be held *virtually* on **Wednesday, May 12, 2021** at 7:30 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/95272077443?pwd=N1pBMWZPN2oyeXB1OTIMNXBWWHpBZz09>

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:

The Primary Election for all New York City local elections will be on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 and early voting starts on Saturday, June 12, 2021.

Make a plan to vote. To find out where to vote, go to: <https://findmypollsite.vote.nyc/>
To safeguard your right to vote, you can check to make sure that you are still listed as a voter. The link to do so is: <https://www.nycvotersearch.com/>

If you have mistakenly been purged from the voter rolls, there is still time to register. The deadline to do so is Friday, May 28, 2021 and your application must be received by June 2, 2021. Community Board 8 Queens has voter registration cards. Feel free to stop by and pick up a voter registration card.

Please share 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-Osida

Grow Community
Shop with local farmers and food makers

MAY 9 thru DEC 19

Pre-Order And Pick Up Sunday

- 1) Download the WholesGood Marketplace app
- 2) Order from our vendors by Thursday evening
- 3) Come to the farmers market to pick up

SNAP WELCOME
HEALTH BUCKS AVAILABLE

Cunningham Park Farmers Market
Sundays, 9AM-2PM
In the parking lot off Union Turnpike, near the tennis courts

[CunninghamParkFarmersMarket](https://www.facebook.com/CunninghamParkFarmersMarket)
[downtoearthmktks](https://www.instagram.com/downtoearthmktks)
[downtoearthmarkets.com](https://www.downtoearthmarkets.com)

Down to Earth FARMERS MARKETS

FREE E-WASTE RECYCLING

Saturday, May 8, 2021
10 AM - 4 PM
RAIN OR SHINE!

VFW Post 5298
143-17 Springfield Blvd.
Laurelton, New York

ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS INCLUDE:
working & non-working computers, monitors, printers, scanners, keyboards, mice, cables, TVs, VCRs, DVD players, phones, audio/visual equipment, cell phones, and PDAs

Presented by the Lower East Side Ecology Center, Congress Member Gregory Meeks, Senator Comrie, Assembly Member Hyndman, Council Member Brooks-Powers, the Federated Blocks of Laurelton, and VFW Post 5298
For more information: lesecolgycenter.org or 212.477.4022

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Guest Speaker: Dr. Joyetta Gordon – Transitional Services for New York (TSINY) – Ms. Gordon gave a presentation on Mental Health Services. Offered by TSINY located in Queens. They have several locations. They also have a bookstore in Bayside. The organization has been around since 1975. They provide services for a dimension of people with serious mental illness. TSINY's Mobile Outreach Program provides case management, services linkages, and referrals for essential services to adults with mental illness. Recipients are trained to identify and manage their symptoms and initial contact with appropriate treatment and self-help services. Mobile outreach provides a timely intervention for adults who are first entering behavioral health treatment or have become disengaged from treatment and other essential services to support them in the community. They also have an Adult Protective Services (APS) program for residents who have serious mental illness. Since this is a community outreach program, they are on afterhours. They are open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Mondays. From Tuesdays through Fridays, they are open until 7:00 p.m. On Saturdays, they are open from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Since the pandemic started, they have been seeing patients remotely via (telephone, zoom, etc.).

Special Guest: U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer – Senator Schumer thanked DM Adam-Ovide and all the Board Members for the great service they do for our community. He is the first majority leader for New York. He then realized the tremendous responsibility on his shoulder. He spoke about an ARP that passed the Senate and has tremendous benefits for everyone. First the checks, he promised people that if he became majority leader, every person below 75,000 and 150,000 will get the checks. Second the vaccines, they have enough vaccines that New York will have enough to vaccinate everybody. In about two weeks, 16 years old will have the opportunity to get vaccinated. No appointments, no questions asked. It is expected that by June 1st, everyone in New York City will be vaccinated and by July 1st we should be able to go back to normal.

They got money for New York State and New York City. If any of the groups in our community that depend on City & State money should be able to receive the funds in needed. The City has \$6B and the State has \$23B. They have money to keep the subways running, there will be no cutbacks. There will be no layoffs of City/State workers. They just got money for the restaurants. Every restaurant is now entitled to a 6-month grant. If you need help, he asked that they could get the money. Small businesses can benefit as well. If churches, synagogues, mosques, and temples can also benefit about this. He asked that everyone could spread the word. Money is available for people to be prevented from being evicted from their homes. They got money for the museums, movie theaters. There are direct payments for unemployment insurance. Pensions have been made fully funded. He wants to make sure everyone in our Community Board benefits from these funds. Schools will also open fully. There is money available for private and religious schools as well. They are also trying to get rid of student debt. He understand that it is a burden. They are working on this. He also mentioned that they put up the Anti-Asian American violence bill and it looks like it will pass next week.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee Report – Kevin Forrestal, Committee Member – A letter was drafted on the change to the proposal of the Four Borough Jail to be sent to the Mayor.

Marc Haken made a motion to approve the letter as presented seconded by Mitch Lisker.

A roll call vote was taken. **Count in favor: 40 Opposed: 1 Abstained: 0**

Member who voted against: Hersh Parekh.

Committee Reports:

Health Minute with Dr. Penny Stern, Health Committee Chair:

Dr. Stern spoke about the paused on the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) vaccine. As of April 12th, about 7 million doses of J&J have been administered in the United States. The CDC and the FDA are now reviewing data because of 6 reported cases of a rare and severe type of blood clot in individuals who received the vaccine. This type of blood clot is called a Cerebral Venous Sinus Thrombosis (CVST). It was seen in combination with also having low blood platelets also known as thrombocytopenia. All six cases occurred among women between the ages of 18 and 48. The symptoms occurred between 6 and 13 days after receiving the vaccine. Anyone who has been vaccinated with the J&J vaccine and develop any kind of symptom, you should contact your healthcare provider. It is kind of strange that this is only happening among women and they are looking into this. She hopes this does not deter anybody who has not been vaccinated to get the COVID-19 vaccine. There are no reported problems with either the Pfizer or the Moderna vaccine. If you get the vaccine and have some kind of response, that is a sign that your immune system is actually doing something. It is not necessarily a bad thing to have a response. An immune system revs itself up which is why many people felt something after they got the second shot which is the booster shot. The J&J does not have a booster. It is a one-shot deal.

Restaurant Revitalization Fund

Application Portal Information

The SBA has just announced the opening of the Restaurant Revitalization Fund Application Portal for advance registration and application acceptance!

Friday, April 30th - 9:00 a.m.

Portal opens at 9:00 a.m. for account creation
restaurants.sba.gov

Monday, May 3, 2021 - 12:00 p.m.

Portal opens for applications at 12:00 p.m.
restaurants.sba.gov

Priority Periods:

- For the first 21 days that the program is open, the SBA will prioritize funding applications from businesses owned and controlled by women, veterans, and socially and economically disadvantaged individuals. All eligible applicants are encouraged to submit applications as soon as the portal opens.
- Following the 21 days, all eligible applications will be funded on a first-come, first-served basis.



Small Operator Funding Set-Asides:

- Consistent with the legislation and the intent of Congress, the SBA continues to take steps to ensure the equitable distribution of relief, particularly for the smallest businesses, by creating a \$9.5 billion set-aside
 - \$5 billion for applicants with 2019 gross receipts of not more than \$500,000
 - \$4 billion is set aside for applicants with 2019 gross receipts from \$500,001 to \$1,500,000.
 - \$500 million for applicants with 2019 gross receipts not more than \$50,000.

How to prepare for your application:

- Review the official program guidance
- Read the program guide
- Prepare a paper version of the application
- Existing Clients - Make an appointment with your SBDC Business Advisor
- New Clients - Request an appointment with a SBDC Business Advisor at: www.nysbdc.org.
- Attend a training event.

If you would like assistance with any of the Covid-19 Relief Programs:

Existing Clients:

Contact your business advisor to schedule an appointment.

New Clients:

Go to www.nysbdc.org, click on make an appointment and submit the form. Once they receive the form, a business advisor will contact you to schedule an appointment.

COVID Relief for Houses of Worship

Excerpt from

Guide to COVID Relief for Houses of Worship and Religious Organizations

Courtesy of Senator Chuck Schumer



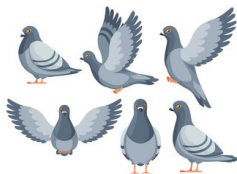
As of January 19, 2021, the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) opened to all qualifying non-profits including houses of worship and religious organizations for first and second draw loans.

The CARES Act signed into law made houses of worship and religious organizations eligible for SBA's assistance to nonprofits, both through PPP and EIDL. The SBA rules do not impose unique burdens on faith-based organizations, including waiving SBA's affiliation rules and giving clarity that assistance may be used to pay salaries of ministers and other staff integral to the religious mission of the institution.

<https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance/recovery-hub/faith-based-communities>

Did you know?

Community Board 8 received many complaints about pigeons from residents; therefore, we are share this information with you.



It is not illegal to keep or **feed pigeons**, but a violation may be issued for failing to clean up unsanitary conditions that result from this activity. If it creates an unsanitary condition, you may make a complaint. You must provide the name and complete address of the person housing or **feeding the pigeons**.

You can make reports of unsanitary conditions caused by pigeons, including odor and excessive droppings on:

- Window ledges
- Sidewalks
- Exteriors of commercial and residential properties

You cannot make complaints about pigeon droppings from:

- Street lamps
- Telephone or utility poles
- Overpasses
- Bridges
- Transportation facilities
- Public parks

Property owners are required to clean up unsanitary pigeon conditions on or originating from their property.



LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION (S)

- ♦ **Edamamix, Inc.** d/b/a Mira Sushi
153-11 Union Turnpike - ***NEW Full Liquor License Application***

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.

CITY PARKING RULES

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



Idul-Fitr (Eid Al-Fitr).....Thurs.-Sat., May 13-15th
Solemnity of the Ascension.....Thurs., May 13th
ShavoutMon.-Tue., May 17-18th
Memorial Day.....Mon., May 31st

Parking meters are still in effect

DEMOLITION/EXCAVATION NOTICE



65-47 167th Street - Demolition - full
73-04 196th Place - Demolition - garage only
163-01 72nd Ave - Alteration

NYS SENATOR JOHN C. LIU
NYS SENATOR JEREMY COONEY
NYS SENATOR KEVIN THOMAS
NYS SENATOR ANDREW GOUNARDES
NYS SENATOR BRIAN KAVANAGH
NYS SENATOR ZELLNOR MYRIE
NYS SENATOR TOBY ANN STAVISKY



INVITE YOU TO AN

Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Please register at
<http://bit.ly/LiuAAPIMonth>
to receive the ZOOM link.

Come join us in a virtual celebration!

For more information call 718-765-6675
or email events@johnliusenate.com





May 2021

Community Board 8, Queens

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9 	10  Virtual Parks Cmte. 7:30 p.m.	11  Virtual BSA Hearing. 7:30 p.m.	12 Virtual Community Board 8Q General Mtg.  7:30 p.m.	13 	14 	15
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23	24	25  Virtual Zoning Cmte. 7:30 p.m.	26	27	28	29
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A mother is a person who seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie. ~ Tenneya Jordan