



November

COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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CHAIRPERSON: Martha Taylor
DISTRICT MANAGER: Marie Adam-Ovide
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 Laneman - 24th District

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Honorable Melinda Katz

STAFF

Alma Karassavidis
Jatnna Reyes
Izabela Szczepanska

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, Dilafroz 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 M. 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 Osharov

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 September 13, 2017 Board Meeting were unanimously approved by 33 members.

Chairperson Martha Taylor: Welcomed back Board Member Maria DeInnocentiis who is doing well after surgery. Congratulated Board Member Tamara Osharov who was honored at the Daniel Patrick Moynihan Democratic Club. She announced that a tentative list of Board Meeting dates has been provided for 2018. The meeting dates will be finalized next month.

Committee Reports:

Seymour Schwartz, Area 2 Committee Chair

Special Permit – BSA Calendar No. 2017-230-BZ – 138-17 Hillside Avenue

A public hearing was held on September 25, 2017 to consider an Application by a service station for a Special Permit to continue operations. Since there were only three (3) Board Members present and therefore no quorum, this was presented to the full Board for a recommendation. *A roll call vote was taken. The motion was passed.*

In Favor: 32

Opposed: 2

Abstained: 0

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

Committee Reports (continued from Page 1)

Marc A. Haken, Budget Director

FY'19 Capital & Expense Budget Priorities:

Budget Director presented the budget items to be submitted for the Capital & Expense Budget for FY'19.

- Capital Budget Priorities were unanimously approved by 34 members with no opposition.
- Expense Budget Priorities were unanimously approved by 34 members with no opposition.

Kenneth Cohen II – CB8 Board Member and Local 3 Union Member

Letter from Queens Borough President Melinda Katz – Spectrum Strike:

A motion was made to draft a Letter of Support for the Spectrum Communications Local 3 workers and to encourage other community boards to join us in this support.

A hand vote was taken. The motion was passed.

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A Word from the District Manager ...

Dear Community Board 8 Resident:

*This year, the Department of Sanitation **will not** collect fall leaves through the yearly fall leaves collection in Community Board 8. Now that the organics collection is in place, leaves may be disposed with organic materials.*

*We will have **FREE** paper bags at our next Community Board 8 Meeting for distribution on November 8th. They will be given out on a first come, first serve basis. We have a limit of four bags per household.*

*If you find this information useful, please help spread the word by sharing 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

New Benchmarking Law Affects Mid-Size Building Owners

Last year, Mayor de Blasio signed a revised benchmarking law that now requires mid-size buildings larger than 25,000 sq. ft. to benchmark their energy and water use every year. Under the new benchmarking law an additional 10,000 mid-size buildings between 25,000 sq. ft. and 50,000 sq. ft. will be required to comply starting in 2018. Details about the law and how to comply can be found at www.nyc.gov/benchmarking

Every February, the Department of Finance publishes a Covered Building List that shows which properties must be benchmarked, and whether or not water data must be included. Owners of properties that are on the Covered Buildings List must record their data, including building characteristics and uses, using Energy Star Portfolio Manager (ESPM). Property owners must then submit a benchmarking report to New York City. The deadline for submission is May 1st. **Failure to benchmark on time could result in violations and fines up to \$2000 a year.**

To simplify the submission process for mid-size owners and managers, the law includes some new, user-friendly features. Beginning in 2018, Con Edison and National Grid will automatically upload data into Portfolio Manager, so most bench markers will no longer have to enter energy use data manually.

The City is also required to provide free online and phone assistance to all who need it. In partnership with the City University of New York Building Performance Lab, the City re-launched the NYC Benchmarking Help Center (BHC) in early 2016 to provide free assistance to property owners who must comply with the law. The staff efficiently handled close to 1,000 calls and emails in 2016, and won the 2017 Mayor's Excellence in Customer Service Award.

In addition to answering questions via phone and email, the BHC staff is available to give presentations and conduct training sessions, and is planning to provide tutorial videos this fall. The BHC's Jump Start program is designed to help early bench markers get the basic setup done now to avoid the hectic deadline season. Although Con Edison and National Grid automated uploads won't be available until early 2018, the BHC Staff will help you set up an account in Portfolio Manager, collect your property use details, and enter them into ESPM whenever you are ready.

The BHC is ready now to assist anyone that needs help. If your building is larger than 25,000 sq. ft. you will need to benchmark by May 1st, 2018. Call the NYC Benchmarking Center today to get started and avoid the deadline crunch. For assistance call [212 566 5584](tel:2125665584) or write to: questions@benchmarkinghelpcenter.org



This information is courtesy of:
Jacqueline Espinal
NYC Benchmarking Help Center Associate



Council Member Barry Grodenchik
 with Queens Borough President Melinda Katz
 State Senator Leroy Comrie
 & Assembly Member David Weprin
 present

WORKING FOR **COUNCIL DISTRICT 23**

TOWN HALL

- with -

Mayor Bill de Blasio

THURSDAY, November 2nd at 7:00PM

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM AND CLOSE AT 7:30PM

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED

Martin Van Buren High School
 230-17 Hillside Avenue
 Queens Village, NY 11427

Space is limited - please RSVP by November 1st at 5PM



TOWN HALL CO-SPONSORS
QUEENS Community Board 13
105TH PRECINCT Community Council
CROSS ISLAND Y
SAMUEL FIELD Y
SNAP Innovative Senior Center

TO RSVP

Visit: www.nyc.gov/cd23townhall
Email: queentownhall@cityhall.nyc.gov
or Call: (212) 788-1453

ACCESS PROVIDED:

Please contact us if you have any additional accessibility needs.

Parsons Community School

In collaboration with the NYC Department of Education and the NYC Office of Adult and Continuing Education, the Parsons community School announces:

FREE ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES!!!

(for adults 21 years old and over)

They are accepting applications for the following classes:

- Basic Education (Pre-GED class)/High School Equivalency (GED)
- English as a Second Language.

All interested applicants are required to come for testing on one of the following dates for their desired class:

ESL Class Testing Dates:

- November 1, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. (Wednesday)
- November 9, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. (Thursday)

Basic Education/GED Testing Dates:

- November 6, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. (Monday)
- November 8, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. (Wednesday)

Interested? Go to the Parsons office at **158-40 76th Road (Room B29)** in Flushing to see John Pili to find out more. Feel free to call at **(718) 820-0760** or send email to: JohnRossPili@ChildCenterNY.org.



THE CENTRAL QUEENS Y WORKFORCE PROGRAM IS OFFERING FREE DIGITAL LITERACY CLASSES



Job Search Classes:

Crafting a Great Resume:

Tues. Nov. 14 & Thurs., Nov. 16th

Time: 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

How to Write an Effective Cover Letter:

Mon., Nov. 13th & Wed., Nov. 15th

Time: 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Making It Count: How to Apply to Online Job Postings the Right Way

Mon., Nov. 20th

Time: 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Resume and Cover Letter Clinic

Wed., Dec. 6th or Tues., Dec. 12th

Time: 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.



Classes will be held at the
CQY Workforce Lab:

67-09 108th Street Forest Hills NY 11375

To sign up for classes, please contact
Courtney Wiggins at Cwiggins@cqy.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???

NYS Family Leave Policy

In April 2016, Governor Cuomo signed a law to provide employee paid insurance coverage for the following life events:

- Military Deployment
- Bonding with a newborn, adopted child and/or foster child
- Caring for a sick family member

This law takes effect on January 2018. Employers **must** have that insurance coverage in effect on January 2018. This coverage is for employees who work 20 hours or more a week and 175 days a year.

Under the Paid Family Leave Policy, employees can take up to 8 weeks of paid leave in 2018 and 10 weeks in 2019 or 2020. The number of weeks goes up to 12 weeks in 2021. This insurance coverage is funded by the contribution of employees which is as little as \$0.63 a week to a max of \$1.65 a week per employee. The pay out amount is a percentage of the employee's income. The cap is at \$2,000 a week. This can be taken continuously or at least one day a week.

Employees are able to maintain their health coverage for the duration of the leave. The law also protects employees from retaliation. At the end of the leave, employees will be able to return to their old position or similar one.

Under certain circumstances, employees may request a waiver (*i.e. the employee will only work on a temporary basis*). The employer **must** have this waiver on file.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.ny.gov/new-york-state-paid-family-leave/paid-family-leave-how-it-works>

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION (S)



- ◆ **Hapisgah of Flushing, Inc. d/b/a Hapisgah**
147-23/25 Union Turnpike in Flushing, ***New application for full Liquor License (new ownership)***
- ◆ **And Solution Way, Inc.**
190-11 & 193-13 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows, ***New application for 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



- **199-46 Keno Avenue** - Demolition
- **144-11 77th Avenue** - Demolition
- **177-18 Wexford Terrace** - Crane operation to erect steel for New Building. Notice given 10-27-2017.

CITY PARKING RULES

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



- All Saints DayNovember 1st
- Election DayNovember 7th
- Veteran's Day (*Observed*).....November 10th
- Veteran's DayNovember 11th
- Thanksgiving Day.....November 23rd

Remember, parking meters are still in effect.

Street Activity/Block Party Permit Request



The following Street Activity/Block Party have been scheduled for the month of November:

- **NYC Health and Hospitals Farmers Market** - Every Thursday until **November 23, 2017**
164th Street bet. Goethals Avenue and Grand Central Parkway
- **PomonoK Farmers Market** - Every Wednesday until **November 22, 2017**
Kissena Blvd. bet. Melbourne Avenue and 65th Avenue

SECTION 8 HOUSING



The application process is now open for Section 8 Buildings in the Bronx and Brooklyn. The deadline to submit your application is **Wednesday, December 20, 2017**.

This housing application is for families with limited income. The income qualification is based on the Federal Section 8 Guidelines.

Contact Michelle at **516-466-6520** Extension 24 to request an application. You may also send a request in writing to:

KDC Management Company, LLC
98 Cutter Mill Road—Suite 204 S
Great Neck, NY 11020

They also have buildings in Hackensack and Englewood, New Jersey.



Cunningham Park!

Every Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
The last day for the farmer's market this season will be on **Sunday, November 19, 2017**

November 2017

Community Board 8, Queens



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 Change your clock,  CHANGE your batteries	6 Rain Gardens Informational Meeting 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike	7 We're Closed It's Election Day! Plan to vote. 	8 Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike	9	10 Veterans' Day Observed We're Closed	11  VETERANS' DAY
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Liquor License Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Avenue	22	23 We're Closed 	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

"An optimist is a person who starts a new diet on Thanksgiving Day." ~ Irv Kupcinet