



**October 2016**

## COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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### OFFICERS

**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

Barry Grodenchik - 23rd District

Honorable Rory Laneman - 24th District

### BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Honorable Melinda Katz

### STAFF

Alma Karassavidis

Jatna 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, Elke Maerz, Charlton Rhee, Douglas Sherman and Albert Willingham

#### Area 3 - Hillcrest Estates & Jamaica Hill

**Kevin Forrestal - CHAIR**, Dilafroz Ahmed, Bhitihara-Martha Fulton, Fakrul "Delwar" Islam, Paul Lazauskas and Frances Peterson

#### Area 4 – Flushing Heights, Flushing Suburban, Hillcrest

**Jagir Singh Bains—CHAIR**, Kenneth Cohen II and Steven Konigsberg and

#### Area 5 – Georgetown Mews, Pomonok, Electchester, Flushing

**Mary Maggio Fischer – CHAIR**, Monica Corbett, Carolann Foley, Sylvia Hernandez, 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

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

- ◆ The Minutes of June 8, 2016 Board Meeting were unanimously approved by 35 members.
- ◆ Chairperson Martha Taylor offered condolences to Jagir Singh Bains on the passing of his brother-in-law and to Steven Sadofsky on his mother-in-law's passing. She congratulated Kevin Forrestal on the birth of his new grandson, Henry James Forrestal. Chairperson Taylor offered best wishes for Rachele Van Arsdale for a healthy baby.
- ◆ Chairperson Martha Taylor also announced that a letter has been sent to Queens Commissioner Dorothy Lewandowski of the Department of Parks and Recreation in support of a farmer's market at Cunningham Park.

### Community Reports:

- ◆ **Special Citizens Futures Unlimited: Proposed Group Home (SCFU) – 185-24 80<sup>th</sup> Road** - An informational hearing was held on August 30, 2016 on the proposal for a community residence for six (6) developmentally disabled person at the above address.

Next Community Board 8 Meeting will be on **WEDNESDAY, October 19, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.**

\*\*\* Minutes of Board Meetings are available on our website: [www.nyc.gov/queenscb8](http://www.nyc.gov/queenscb8)

## *A Word from the District Manager ...*

*Dear Community Board 8 Resident:*

*The Community Board 's Transportation Committee has been inundated with requests for speed bumps within our district. In addition to having buyer's remorse whereby residents change their minds once the speed bumps have been installed, the members wanted the community to be aware of the following negatives associated with the installation of speed bumps:*

- ◆ *Speed bumps cost between \$4,500 to \$7,500 each to install.*
- ◆ *They interfere with response times for emergency vehicles.*
- ◆ *They reduce property values. Prospective buyers reject homes on streets where speed bumps are located.*
- ◆ *They increase the noise level with each passing vehicle.*
- ◆ *They increase wear and tear on vehicles.*
- ◆ *Once installed they are expensive to remove.*
- ◆ *They increase air pollution:*
  - *Carbon Dioxide by 82%*
  - *Carbon Monoxide by 50%*
  - *Nitrogen Oxide by 37%*
- ◆ *They reduce fuel efficiency and increase gas consumption.*
- ◆ *In addition, studies show that the installation of speed bumps do not change driver behaviors.*

*For more information, go to: <http://www.radarsign.com/why-municipalities-are-moving-away-from-speed-humps/>*

*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-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](http://www.nyc.gov/queenscb8). Remember to "Like" us on*

**facebook**

## **No Garbage, Recycling, Organics Collection or Street Cleaning on Columbus Day, Monday, October 10, 2016**

- Residents who normally receive Monday **garbage** and **organics** collection should place their trash and organic materials out at curbside after 4 p.m. on Monday, October 10th for pickup.
- Residents receiving Monday **recycling** collection should place their items curbside, after 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 16th for pickup on Monday, October 17th.



In addition, DSNY administrative offices will be closed in observance of the holiday.

For questions about Sanitation services and holiday schedules, contact 311 or visit the DSNY website at [www.nyc.gov/sanitation](http://www.nyc.gov/sanitation).

### **About the New York City Department of Sanitation**

The Department of Sanitation (DSNY) promotes a healthy environment through the efficient management of solid waste and the development of environmentally sound long-range planning for handling refuse, including recyclables. The Department operates 59 district garages and manages a fleet of more than 2,000 rear-loading collection trucks, 450 mechanical brooms and 500 salt/sand spreaders. The Department clears litter, snow and ice from approximately 6,500 miles of City streets and removes debris from vacant lots as well as abandoned vehicles from City streets.



**ASSEMBLYMAN MICHAEL SIMANOWITZ  
&  
CONGRESSMAN JOSEPH CROWLEY  
HOST:**

**E-WASTE RECYCLING  
BY LOWER EAST SIDE ECOLOGY CENTER  
&  
PAPER SHREDDING**

**WHEN:  
OCTOBER 09, 2016  
10AM-1PM (PAPER SHREDDING)  
10AM-4PM (E-WASTE RECYCLING)**

**RAIN OR SHINE**

**WHERE (DROP OFF SITE):  
MATTORE GROUP HQ (Staples Parking Lot)  
134-01 20<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE  
COLLEGE POINT, NY**

**ELECTRONICS RECYCLING IS REQUIRED BY LAW AS OF JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2015**

**WE ACCEPT:**  
WORKING & NON-WORKING COMPUTERS, MONITORS, PRINTERS, SCANNERS, KEYBOARDS, MICE, CABLES, TV'S, VCR'S, DVD PLAYERS, PHONES, AUDIO/VISUAL EQUIPMENT, CELL PHONES & PDA'S

**For more info contact:**

Assemblyman  
Michael Simanowitz  
159-06 71<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Flushing, NY 11365  
(718) 969-1508

Congressman Joseph  
Crowley  
82-11 37th Ave.,  
Suite 402  
Queens, NY 11372  
(718) 779-1400

## Mexico at the Hour of Combat: Sabino Osuna's Photographs of the Mexican Revolution



**September 12th —November 18, 2016**

There will be many events associated with this exhibition. All events are free of charge and accessible to the disabled. For more information, please go to:

<http://www.stjohns.edu/about/events/mexico-hour-combat-sabino-osunas-photographs-mexican-revolution-0>



## Free Civil Legal Services Coming to Your Neighborhood



Courtesy of  
NYS Assembly Member  
Michael Simanowitz

The Mobile Legal Help Center is a partnership between the New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG) and the New York State Courts' Access to Justice Program that provides free civil legal services to New Yorkers in need.

Private meeting rooms and technology inside the vehicle enable it to function as a full-service office.

The vehicle will be stationed at:  
**159-06 71st Avenue  
Flushing, NY 11365  
November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
10am to 3pm**

For more information and to make an appointment, please call:  
Office of Assembly Member Simanowitz  
718-969-1508



Staff onboard the Mobile Legal Help Center will provide **FREE** legal assistance on issues related to:

- HOUSING
- PUBLIC BENEFITS
- DISABILITY BENEFITS
- HEALTHCARE BENEFITS
- IDENTITY THEFT
- DEBT MANAGEMENT
- CONSUMER CREDIT
- IMMIGRATION
- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
- DIVORCE
- CUSTODY
- EMPLOYMENT
- ADVANCE PLANNING
- SUPERSTORM SANDY

Everyone is eligible to receive free legal services, regardless of immigration status.

## New York City residents 60 years or older may attend college for free\* at LaGuardia Community College

LaGuardia Veterans Upward Bound Program can Help you!

- ◆ Assessment of academic skills.
- ◆ Refresher courses and tutoring in math, reading and writing.
- ◆ Basic computer skills.
- ◆ Help with college admissions and application forms.
- ◆ Peer mentoring.
- ◆ Information on services and events.

**All services are free for qualifying veterans.** The class dates are:

November 1st - December 15th and  
January 2nd - February 9th. Mondays  
through Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. to  
9:00 p.m.

For more information contact  
[vets@lagcc.cuny.edu](mailto:vets@lagcc.cuny.edu)  
or call (718) 482-5386



*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???*

### **Senior Citizen Homeowner's Exemption (SCHE) and Disabled Homeowner's Exemption (DHE) Renewal Letters.**

The NYC Department of Finance mailed SCHE and DHE renewal letters to homeowners who currently receive these property tax exemptions. By law, recipients of the SCHE are required to renew every two years and DHE recipients are required to renew every year.

The deadline to renew to continue receiving these exemptions will be on **Wednesday, March 15, 2017**. Please do not wait until the last minute to send in your renewal application. You may use your income from 2015 if the 2016 income is not yet available.

### **Did you know that nearly 16% of low-income New Yorkers report eating no fruits or vegetables a day?**

*According to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, one barrier to eating more fruits and vegetables is cost.*

There is a great resource for residents who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits called **Health Bucks**. They are coupons redeemable for \$2 worth of fresh fruits and vegetables at all NYC farmers' markets. Customers will receive \$2 Health Bucks coupons for every \$5 they spend using SNAP benefits at NYC farmer's markets. This 40% boost in purchasing power better enables SNAP recipients to acquire nutritious foods for themselves and their families while also supporting the regional economy.



Starting this year, Health Bucks will be available year-round to SNAP recipients shopping at farmers' markets!



## LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION (S)

♦ Hapisagah, Inc. d/b/a Hapisgah  
147-23/25 Union Turnpike, Renewal application for 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



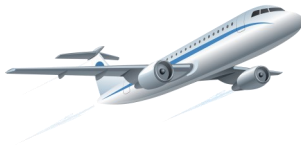
- ♦ 176-36 Kildare Road - Demolition (garage)
- ♦ 164-39 75th Road - Demolition
- ♦ 73-15 179th Street - Demolition (garage)
- ♦ 83-45 Charlecote Ridge - Demolition (full)

### Street Activity/Block Party Permit Request



*\* No Street Activity/Block Party scheduled for the month of October.*

### Are you experiencing airplane noise?



For complaints, please contact the Port Authority:

Online:

<http://www.planenoise.com/panynj/daPRAbr9/qs114wbt>

Telephone:

1-800-225-1071

Flight Tracking:

<http://www.panynj.gov/airports/webtrak.html>

### CITY PARKING RULES

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

Rosh Hashanah .....October 3rd - October 4th

Columbus Day..... October 10th

Yom Kippur.....October 12th

Sukkot.....October 17th - October 18th

Shemini Atzeret.....October 24th

Simchat Torah.....October 25th

Diwali.....October 30th



Remember, parking meters are still in effect.

## Free Rabies Vaccines for Cats and Dogs by NYCDOH



**Saturday, October 15, 2016**

**10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**Cunningham Park /Pre-School Building**

You must pre-register due to limited supply  
by calling 347-396-7998

or by visiting

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/vsedaros082016](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/vsedaros082016)

Dog licensing is also available. Pay by check, credit card or money order and you will receive your tag right away.

# October 2016

## Community Board 8, Queens



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						 Islamic New Year
2	 L'Shanah Tovah!		5	6	7	8
9	 We're closed	 Ashura	 YOM KIPPUR	13	14	15
 Sukkot Begins	17	18	Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike	20	21	22
 Sukkot Ends	 Shemini Atzeret	 Simchat Torah	26	27	28	29
 Diwali						

“How beautifully leaves grow old, how full of light and color are their last days.” John Burroughs