



September

COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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Area 5 – Georgetown Mews, Pomonok, Electchester, Flushing

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Area 6 – Utopia, Fresh Meadows, West Cunningham Park

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Area 7 – Jamaica Estates & Holliswood

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Farewell...

Farewell to Alma Karassavidis, CB8 Community Associate, who recently left us to take a position with a New York State agency. We thank her for her years of service to our community. We wish her much success in her new position and any future endeavors.

CB8 District Manager & Office Staff

NYC Department of Transportation

The NYC Department of Transportation informed Community Board 8 of the 2018 Parking Meter rate change for Zone 3. This zone encompasses the metered areas within Community Board 8's Boundaries. It is the first increase since November 2003, according to DOT Borough Commissioner Nicole Garcia.

The increase is from \$1.00 per hour to \$1.25 per hour. You can still use quarters to pay for parking. If you do, you would be allowed to park for 12 minutes instead of 15 minutes per quarter. This will be in effect on November 1, 2018.

Next Community Board 8 Meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 12, 2018** at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes of Board Meetings are available on our website: www.nyc.gov/queenscb8 within two weeks.

This letter was sent to the Charter Revision Commission against the proposed term limits for Community Board Members. It is being reprinted so the community at large may understand how it would affect CB8Q.

July 25, 2018

Charter Revision Commission
1 Center Street
New York, NY 10007

Dear Charter Revision Commission Members:

It came to our attention that the Commission is reviewing whether or not to place term limits for Community Board members as a method to encourage diversity. Community Board 8 strongly opposes term limits.

Diversity can be and has been achieved without term limits. **Our Board is proof positive that implementing term limits is not necessary to achieve diversity.** Our Board has different ethnic groups and religious groups. It has residents from the different neighborhoods within the district. It consists of: professionals, blue collar workers, not-for-profits, a member of clergy, public sector employees, private sector employees, business owners, civic leaders, people with disabilities, veterans and retirees. We have Board members who are property owners, co-op owners, tenants and residents of public housing. This has been done through regular appointments and dismissals of members throughout the years.

Term limits would only hinder the Board's ability to function. With an eight-year term limit, we would lose more than two-thirds of our forty-nine (49) members leaving only sixteen (16) members. The institutional knowledge would be lost as, no one would be left from the Executive Committee. Our By-laws only allow members who have completed at least two full terms to advance to some of these leadership positions, as we understand the knowledge needed. Furthermore, these positions require additional time and taking on extra responsibility. Only members with at least 10 years' experience have ever shown interest in taking on so much responsibility.

Finally, our Council Members and Queens Borough President have done a great job of achieving diversity at Community Board 8 without term limits by carefully making appointments. We are certain if others follow their lead, it can be done throughout the City of New York. I urge you not to recommend the implementation of term limits.

Sincerely,

Martha Taylor

Chairperson

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School Calendar 2018–2019

Sept 5	First Day of School Early dismissal for non-District 75 kindergarten students only. Partial school time for pre-kindergarten public school students.
Sept 6	First Full Day for Non-District 75 Kindergarten Students Partial school time for pre-kindergarten public school students.
Sept 10–11	Rosh Hashanah (schools closed)
Sept 17	Elementary School: Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences*
Sept 19	Yom Kippur (schools closed)
Sept 20	Middle School: Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences*
Sept 26	High School: Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences*
Oct 8	Columbus Day Observed (schools closed)
Nov 6	Election Day Students do not attend school. Chancellor's Conference Day for Staff Development.
Nov 12	Veterans Day Observed (schools closed)
Nov 14–15	Elementary School: Parent-Teacher Conferences*
Nov 19–20	District 75 School Programs: Parent-Teacher Conferences*
Nov 22–23	Thanksgiving Recess (schools closed)
Nov 27–28	Middle School: Parent-Teacher Conferences*
Nov 29–30	High School: Parent-Teacher Conferences*
Dec 24–Jan 1	Winter Recess (schools closed)
Jan 2	School Resumes

Jan 21	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day (schools closed)
Jan 28	Chancellor's Conference Day for High Schools High School students do not attend school, except those enrolled at D75 school programs.
Jan 29	Spring Term Begins for High School Students
Feb 5	Lunar New Year (schools closed)
Feb 18–22	Midwinter Recess (schools closed)
Mar 4–5	District 75 School Programs: Parent-Teacher Conferences*
Mar 7–8	High School: Parent-Teacher Conferences*
Mar 13–14	Elementary School: Parent-Teacher Conferences*
Mar 26–27	Middle School: Parent-Teacher Conferences*
Apr 19-26	Spring Recess (schools closed)
May 9	High School: Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences*
May 15	Elementary School: Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences*
May 16	Middle School: Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences*
May 27	Memorial Day (schools closed)
Jun 4	Eid al-Fitr (schools closed)
Jun 6	Anniversary Day Students do not attend school. Chancellor's Conference Day for Staff Development.
Jun 11	June Clerical Day Elementary school, middle school, and D75 students do not attend school.
Jun 26	Last Day For All Students Early Dismissal.

*Parent-teacher conference dates are citywide however, some schools may hold their conferences on alternative dates. Most schools will hold an evening conference for families in September and May. Please check with your school for specific schedules. For assessment dates and other calendars, please visit schools.nyc.gov/calendar.



REMEMBER TO STOP FOR SCHOOL BUSES WHEN LIGHTS ARE FLASHING!

NYPD 107th Precinct

Blood Drive

Tuesday, September 4, 2018
12:00pm - 6:00pm
71-01 Parsons Blvd, Flushing
Location: Muster Room

Thank you from all of us.



We need your help!

Your donation will help to **save up to THREE lives**. Our community hospitals need your help. Please share this lifesaving gift!

Thank You for Caring!

Eligibility Criteria:

- Bring Donor Card and ID with signature or photo
- Eat well (low fat) & drink fluids
- Minimum weight 110 lbs.
- No tattoos for past 12 months
- Age 16 - 75 (16 year olds must have parental permission. Age 76 and over need doctor's note)

For questions concerning medical eligibility call 1-800-688-0900 www.nybc.org.
For more information please call Officer Whittemore (718) 969-6099



Sanitation

This is a friendly reminder that certain New York City businesses are required by law to separate their organic waste.

The NYC Department of Sanitation recently adopted new business organics rules. If a business meets the minimum requirements outlined below, they must comply with the business organics rules.

Establishments covered by Business Organics Rules

As of August 15, 2018

- Food service establishments with a floor area of at least 15,000 square feet
 - Food service establishments that are part of a chain of 100 or more locations in NYC
- Retail food stores with a floor area of at least 25,000 square feet

As of July 19, 2016

- Food service establishments in hotels with 150 or more rooms
 - Arenas and stadiums with a seating capacity of at least 15,000 people
 - Food manufacturers with a floor area of at least 25,000 square feet
- Food wholesalers with a floor area of at least 20,000 square feet

To learn more about commercial organics requirements, please visit nyc.gov/businessorganics

Additional reminder: All businesses, regardless of size or type, have been required to recycle metal, glass jars and bottles, rigid plastic, clean paper and cardboard for years. These items must never be mixed with garbage. For more information on these requirements, please visit nyc.gov/businessrecycling

For business resources such as sample signage, free trainings, webinars and other tips, please visit nyc.gov/dsnybusinessresources

Kind regards,

JOAN BYRNES-DALY

Communications Manager, Zero Waste Communications
Bureau of Recycling and Sustainability

The New York City Department of Sanitation announced that in observance of Labor Day, there will be no garbage, recycling, or organics collection, nor street cleaning on **Monday, September 3, 2018**.

- Residents who normally receive **Monday trash or organics collection** should place their material out at curbside after 4 p.m. on Monday, September 3rd for pickup.
- Residents who normally receive **Monday recycling collection** should place their material out at curbside after 4 p.m. on Sunday, September 9th for pickup.

Additionally, all Sanitation Department administrative offices will be closed on Monday, September 3 in observance of the holiday.



*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???

HOOKAH LOUNGES (New Regulations)

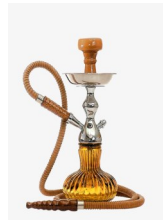
Under the Smoke-Free Air Act of 2002, serving or smoking shisha containing tobacco is prohibited in NYC restaurants and bars. A recent amendment to this law now bans establishments from serving or smoking non-tobacco shisha unless they have obtained a permit to operate as a non-tobacco hookah establishment.

Any entity that in good faith believes itself to be a non-tobacco hookah establishment shall have 180 days from the effective date of the local law to apply to the department for a permit as a non-tobacco hookah establishment. The application period is open for a limited time and will run from April 16, 2018 through October 22, 2018.

Ricky Wong – Executive Director of Community Affairs
NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene

For more information, go to:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/nycbusiness/description/non-tobacco-hookah-establishment-permit>



LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION (S)

- ♦ **Kosher Imperial Catering, Inc. d/b/a Simcha Palace**
73-27 Main Street in Flushing, *New Full Liquor License*

- ♦ **786 Burgerim & TCBY, Inc.**
162-16 Union Turnpike in Flushing, *New 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.

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 HashanahSeptember 10-11th
Yom Kippur.....September 19th
Succoth.....September 24-25th
Remember, parking meters are still in effect.

DEMOLITION/EXCAVATION NOTICE



144-25 Coolidge Avenue - Demolition (garage only)
139-08 72nd Road - Demolition (garage only)
Daniels Street (Coolidge - Hoover Aves.)- Excavation

Street Activity/Block Party Permit Requests



SING HANDEL'S MESSIAH WITH THE QUEENS COLLEGE CHORAL SOCIETY

The Queens College Choral Society is seeking new members of all voice parts for its 2018-2019 concert season. Handel's *Messiah*, one of the most beloved oratorios of all time, will be the featured work in December 2018. Auditions for new members will take place on the following Wednesdays in Room 246 of the Music Building at Queens College:

August 29th, September 5th and September 12th from 6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

Rehearsals are held from 7:30 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. on Wednesdays at Queens College, and will begin on August 29th. Auditions consist of basic singing skills - no preparation is necessary. We welcome all singers with prior choral experience.

From its founding in 1941, the Queens College Choral Society has offered Queens College students, faculty, and staff - and other music lovers from Queens, Manhattan, and Nassau/Suffolk Counties - the opportunity to learn and perform choral masterpieces. The society welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds and is open to anyone with prior singing experience. The Choral Society also has a special outreach program to allow talented high school singers to gain performance experience. For further information, visit our website at www.qcchoralsociety.org.

To schedule an audition, contact James John, music director, at 718-997-3818 or jmsjhn@aol.com.





September 2018

Community Board 8, Queens

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3  LABOR DAY	4	5  Back to School	6	7	8
9  A Good and Sweet Year Shana Tova Umetukah	10	11 Liquor License Comte. Mtg. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Ave. 7:30 p.m.	12 Board Meeting Hillcrest J.C. 183-02 Union Turnpike 7:30 p.m.	13 <i>Primary Day!</i> <i>VOTE</i>	14	15
16	17	18	19  Yom Kippur	20	21	22
23	24  Happy Sukkot	25	26	27	28	29
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“People don’t really have to give you anything, so appreciate what people give you,”

~ Aretha Franklin