



November

COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Honorable Barry Grodenchik - 23rd District
Honorable Rory Lanman - 24th District

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Honorable Melinda Katz

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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, Wendy Phaff, Mohammad Rahman, Charlton Rhee, Douglas Sherman and Albert Willingham

Area 3 - Hillcrest Estates & Jamaica Hills

Kevin Forrestal - CHAIR, Dilafroz Ahmed, Bhithara-Martha Fulton, Fakrul "Dehwar" Islam, Paul Lazauskas and Frances Peterson

Area 4 – Flushing Heights, Flushing Suburban, Hillcrest

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Area 5 – Georgetown Mews, Pomonok, Electchester, Flushing

Mary Maggio – CHAIR, Carolann Foley, Frank Magri, 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

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

Happy Thanksgiving!

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

The Minutes of September 18, 2019 Board Meeting were approved by 30 members.

Chairperson Martha Taylor:

The Kew Gardens Hills rezoning sponsored by Community Board 8 was approved. Zoning Maps 14A/14C have been updated to reflect the zoning change to R2X. Zoning Maps are available online by visiting: www.nyc.gov/planning. The CB8 staff as well as the District Manager and the Chairperson have completed the Borough President's Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) awareness and the Sexual Harassment training to comply with the regulations.

Chairperson Taylor introduced Council Member Barry Grodenchik and invited him to address the attendees.

Honorable Council Member Barry Grodenchik

He announced that he met with the CB8's Area 6 Committee to speak about the needs of the area. P.S. 26 is getting a new expansion. The school is overcrowded; there isn't a music room, art room or lab etc. They don't know exactly where the expansion will be yet. They will keep us posted.

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The next CB8 meeting will be on **Wednesday, November 13, 2019** 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:

*This month, let's celebrate and be thankful for our freedom. What better way to do this than by voting? This year, we are voting for the office of the Public Advocate, Queens District Attorney and to amend the City Charter. Remember to turn over your ballots to vote on the five propositions. If you have not participated in early voting, please remember to make a plan for voting on **Tuesday, November 5, 2019**. Encourage your neighbors and friends to go out and vote as well. Offer your senior citizen or disabled neighbor a ride to the polls.*

This month, we also honor all our veterans - those who have served our country whether during the time of war or peace. We thank all our veterans for their sacrifice, bravery and selflessness. Remember to thank them for their service not only on Veterans Day but every day of the year.

On Thanksgiving most of us have meals with our families and friends. This year, how about inviting someone who would typically be alone on that day?

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 or to receive the **Newsletter earlier**, please contact us at 718-264-7895 and provide your email address. This information is also available on our website: www.nyc.gov/queenscb8.*

Variances Pending Community Board 8 Q's Review/Vote

**BSA Calendar No.: 2019-262-BZ
Block 6628 Lot 84
141-55 77th Avenue
Kew Gardens Hills, NY 11367**

This application seeks a variance for the proposed enlargement of the existing synagogue [*Young Israel of Queens Valley*] from a two-story plus cellar to a three-story plus cellar:

- ◇ The proposed Floor Area exceeds the maximum permitted.
- ◇ The proposed Lot Coverage exceeds the maximum permitted.
- ◇ The proposed Side Yard is less than the minimum required.
- ◇ The proposed Rear Yard is less than the minimum required.
- ◇ The proposed Height and Setback are contrary to the applicable provisions.

**BSA Calendar No.: 2019-277-BZ
Block 7248 Lot 44
81-04 166th Street
Jamaica, NY 11432**

This application seeks a variance to build a house of worship whereby:

- ◇ The proposed Floor Area Ratio (FAR) exceeds the maximum permitted.
- ◇ The proposed Front Yard and Setback is less than the required 15'.
- ◇ The proposed Height exceeds 25'.
- ◇ The proposed minimum required Side Yard is less than the required 11".

**BSA Calendar No.: 23-08-BZ
Block 7248 Lot 44
182-69 80th Rd. a/k/a 80-14 Chevy Chase St.
Jamaica Estates, NY 11432**

This application seeks an amendment of a previously issued variance under BSA Cal. No. 23-08-BZ (the "Prior Variance"), to permit modification of the previously-approved plans. This would legalize the existing Synagogue by allowing a larger assembly space in the cellar with an accessory kitchen.

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Honorable Council Member Barry Grodenchik (cont.)

He received a request from the representatives of the owners of the old Klein Farm to have it converted into a 6-story building. He explained to the applicants that he is against this project and suggested that this piece of land be donated to the City instead to have an outpost for the Queens County Farm Museum to serve the historic nature of this property. He will speak to the Mayor to see if they can receive funding to see what can be done.

Redwood Playground will be open very soon. They will be working on the Upper Playground and they will start construction on the Vanderbilt Motor Parkway.

Chairperson Taylor introduced Deputy Inspector Scott Henry and invited him to address the attendees.

Deputy Inspector Scott Henry – 107th Precinct:

He introduced the new Neighborhood Coordination Officers (NCOs) for Sector B: NCO Anna Golembiowski and NCO Christopher Ward.

Sergeant Burke is starting a project at John Bowne High School. They are working with the students educating them on how to react in dangerous situations.

D.I. Henry is working with the Precinct in coming up with an app to deal with crimes that happen near schools for students' safety. It was an idea illustrated to the D.I. from the students from Thomas Edison High School.

Committee Reports:

Dr. Penny Stern, Health Committee Chair

Influenza (flu) and the Flu Vaccine:

Dr. Stern spoke about the flu; the common symptoms and how it spreads. It is important to note that if you are infected with the virus, you are contagious even before you notice any of the symptoms. She encouraged everyone to get the flu vaccine. This can help prevent the flu and limit its complications. There are different types of vaccines (i.e. for those who are allergic to eggs, and those for seniors etc.) You should consult your Primary Care Practitioner (PCP) for more information.

Marc A. Haken, Budget Director

FY'2021 Capital & Expense Budget Priorities:

Budget Director presented the budget items to be submitted for the Capital & Expense Budget for FY'2021:

- Capital Budget Priorities were unanimously approved with four (4) new budget requests from the FDNY by 33 members with no opposition.
- Expense Budget Priorities were unanimously approved by 33 members with no opposition.

Michael Hannibal, Census Committee Co- Chair

AD Hoc Census Committee:

Discussed the importance of the upcoming Census. Many organizations, corporations are doing outreach to educate the public and make sure they are counted. The census is safe to fill out and it is federally prohibited from disclosing information to anyone.

Guest Speaker- Honorable John Liu, New York State Senator thanked the Community Board 8 Members, the Chairperson and District Manager for all their engagement and the work they do for the community. He informed the attendees that many legislations have been passed at the Senate that will set the course of New York State in the right direction. He spoke about the importance of voting and announced that since October 26th early voting has started. There is no excuse. Everyone should go and cast their ballot.

No Trash, Recycling nor Curbside Compost Collection will occur on:

Election Day (Tuesday, November 5, 2019), Veterans Day (Monday, November 11, 2019) and on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 28, 2019).

- ◇ Residents who normally receive **trash and compost collection** on these days should place their materials out at curbside after 4 p.m. on the evening of the holiday for next day collection.
- ◇ Residents should hold their **recyclables** until the following week for collection.





Collecting



Shampoo
Conditioner
Soap
Body Lotion
Body Wash
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Deodorant

Shower Gel
Body Wash
Perfume
Cologne
Diapers
Baby Powder
Baby Wipes
Socks

Feminine Products
Combs
Brushes
Floss
Hand Sanitizer
Blankets
New Clothes
Toys



Fall



TOILETRY DRIVE
OCT 7TH-NOV 8TH



HOSTED BY
SENATOR
JOHN LIU &
CATERING
FOR
THE
HOMELESS,
INC.



WWW.CATERINGFORTHEHOMELESS.COM

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD PANTRY ITEMS

Examples: Cereals, Canned Veggies, Canned Beans, Canned Fish and Meats, Rice, Pasta, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Soups, Applesauce, Nuts, Granola Bars, Juices

ITEM DROP OFF

ADDRESS: 38-50 Bell Blvd.

Ste C, Bayside, NY 11361

PHONE: (718)-765-6675

HOURS: Mon-Fri 9 am to 5 pm

SAFETY TIPS

Vehicle Theft.

Safeguard your vehicle.

Vehicles are stolen for a variety of reasons, including theft for parts, insurance fraud, re-tagging, exporting, and joy riding. Help prevent theft and damage to your vehicle.

What Can I Do?



Lock

Always lock and secure your vehicle. Always activate your alarm every time you leave your vehicle. Consider locking lug nuts to deter rim theft.



Keys

Never leave the keys in the ignition when you exit the vehicle -- even for a minute!



Property

Never leave property in your vehicle. Items such as loose change, shopping bags, GPS, cell phones, laptops, tablets and the charging chords are targeted by thieves.



Parking

Park in high traffic or well lit areas, when possible.



Report It.

Contact your local precinct crime prevention officer or visit our website at www.nyc.gov/nypd for more information on the programs we offer.



Enroll

Enroll in NYPD anti-theft programs such as VIN Etching, Operation ID and Combat Auto Theft.

NYPD

www.nyc.gov/nypd

Smell Gas



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Run



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Call



Smell Gas. Act Fast.

- 1. Smell** – Natural gas smells like rotten eggs.
- 2. Gas** – If gas is in the air, a spark could cause an explosion. Don't light a match, smoke, flip a switch, ring a doorbell, or touch appliances or electronics, including phones.
- 3. Run** – If you suspect a gas leak, get everyone out immediately.
- 4. Call** – When you're safe, call **911**, Con Edison (**1-800-75-CONED**), or National Grid (**1-718-643-4050**).

Don't assume someone else has already called. You can report leaks anonymously.

conEd.com/GasSafety



Teen Programs

at Fresh Meadows Library
for Teens in 7th-12th Grade

Open Study Mondays, November 4, 18, 25 3:30pm—5:30pm

The program room is open for teens needing space to work on homework, do group projects, read down fines, or just hang out.

Anime Club Tuesdays, November 5, 12, 19, 26 3:30pm—5:30pm

Watch the hottest anime with your friends on our Crunchyroll Premium account!

Tabletop Games & Chess

Fridays, November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 3:30pm—5:30pm

Learn new, weird board and card games with Ms. Reed, play an old favorite, or challenge someone to an epic chess battle.

International Games Week November 3—9

Ms. Reed will have games out at all Teen programs this week.

Bring your Magic cards, your 20-sided dice, your Nintendo Switch, your smartphone, or just yourself: there's a game for everyone! There will also be game-related giveaways at Tabletop Games and Chess on Nov 8 (while supplies last).



Community Service Club: Teen Stitch

Wednesdays, November 6, 20, 27 3:30pm—5:30pm

Learn to knit or crochet by making hats and scarves to donate this winter. Attend as many sessions as you like. Community service credit given for time spent working on projects at the library.



 **QUEENS PUBLIC LIBRARY**
We speak your language.

FRESH MEADOWS LIBRARY
193-20 Horace Harding Expy
Fresh Meadows 11365
(718) 454-7272 www.queenslibrary.org

Eat **TONS** and
take a nap.



YouthBuild Queens

What:

- YouthBuild Queens is a program that assists young adults (18 to 24) in attaining their High School Equivalency Diploma and preparing for entry into the field of skilled trades.
- In addition to HSE instruction, participants will take part in regularly scheduled construction skills training.
- Upon completion of said training, participants will attain their **OSHA 30 Certification** and entry into the **National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER)**, a nationally recognized construction certification database.
- Participants will be expected to commit to 500 hours of construction projects/activities in order to complete the program.

When:

- Youthbuild Queens classes began September 2019
- Classes run from **9am to 4pm** (*hours may vary slightly depending on special projects and activities*)

Where:

- All HSE instruction and daily Construction classes will take place at the **Pomonok Community Center**, located at 67-09 Kissena Blvd in Flushing, NY.
- Additional construction training projects and activities may occur at various locations around Queens. (Prior notice for said events will be given)
- All potential participants must live in one of the following zip codes: **11416, 11417, 11418, 11419, 11420, 11432, 11433, 11435, 11436, 11367, 11355**

Who:

- All individuals interested in applying to this program or making a referral should contact:

Jose Deleon

Email: jdeleon@qchnyc.org

Cell: (917) 242 5810

Office: (718) 591-6060 ext. 461



www.qchnyc.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???

Littering/Sweeping-Out/Throwing Out

Littering, sweeping, throwing, or casting any material such as ashes, garbage, paper, dust, or other garbage or rubbish into or upon any street or public place, vacant lot, air shaft, areaway, backyard, court, or alley is illegal. Throwing garbage out of windows (for example, from buildings or vehicles) is also a violation. In addition, no person may allow anyone under his/her control (agent or employee) to commit a littering, sweep-out, or throw-out violation. Merchants must put all sweepings into suitable garbage receptacles for pickup by a private carter. Residential units must put sweepings into suitable garbage receptacles for pick up by DSNY. Sanitation litter baskets may not be used for this purpose.

NOTE: When using a "blower," grass, leaves, litter, etc., must be blown into a pile and properly disposed of with other sweepings.

§16-118(1).....FINE:.....\$100 - \$450 .. 1st Offense
 \$250 - 450.... 2nd Offense within 12 months
 \$350 - 450... 3rd+ Offense within 12 months

Queens, compost your fall leaves!

Set out your leaves in paper lawn & leaf bags, in open, unlined containers, or in your brown bin for curbside collection. Learn more at nyc.gov/leafcollection.

- No** Plastic bags
- No** Branches & yard clippings from hired professionals. Landscapers must dispose of yard waste at a permitted composting facility.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES


School Safety

Employment Requirements

- Candidates must be at least 21 years of age at time of appointment.
- Candidates must have a High School Diploma or GED.
- Candidates must pass a character and background investigation.
- Candidates must pass a drug screening.
- Candidates must meet certain medical and psychological requirements.
- Candidates must reside in one of the five boroughs of New York City.
- Candidates must pay a \$75 fee for fingerprinting as part of the investigation process.
- Candidates must be eligible to obtain NYC Special Patrolman status upon appointment and become certified as a NYC Special Patrolman within three (3) months of appointment. Special Patrolman certification must be maintained for the duration of employment in this title.
- Candidates must be a United States Citizen at time of hire.

NYPD SCHOOL SAFETY AGENTS

Keeping New York City's school children safe




Benefits include:

- Starting salary over \$30,000 per year
- Generous medical benefits
- Promotional opportunities
- Various assignment levels
- Retirement plan
- 457 savings plan

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NYPD New York City Police Department

NYC.GOV/NYPD
212-RECRUIT



E.O.E.

Traffic Enforcement

Employment Requirements

- Be at least 18 years of age at time of appointment.
- Have a high school diploma or GED.
- Pass a character and background investigation.
- Pass a drug screening.
- Be NYC residents (5 boroughs) within 90 days of appointment if you are a new city hire.
- Pay a \$75 fee for fingerprinting as part of the investigation process.
- Possess a valid New York State driver license. Candidates for assignment Level III must possess a towing endorsement in addition to regular license.

NYPD TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT AGENTS

Keeping the streets of New York City safe and moving



Benefits include:

- Potentially earn over \$38,000 after 1 year
- Competitive benefits
- Promotional opportunities
- Various assignment levels
- Retirement plan

For more information about becoming an NYPD Traffic Enforcement Agent, please visit our website.

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212-RECRUIT



E.O.E.

NEIGHBORHOOD COORDINATION OFFICERS CONTACT INFORMATION

Sector A - Fresh Meadows and Hillcrest

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jessica.arrubla@nypd.org

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Anna Golembiowski: (929) 285-9731
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Sector C - Briarwood and Jamaica Estates

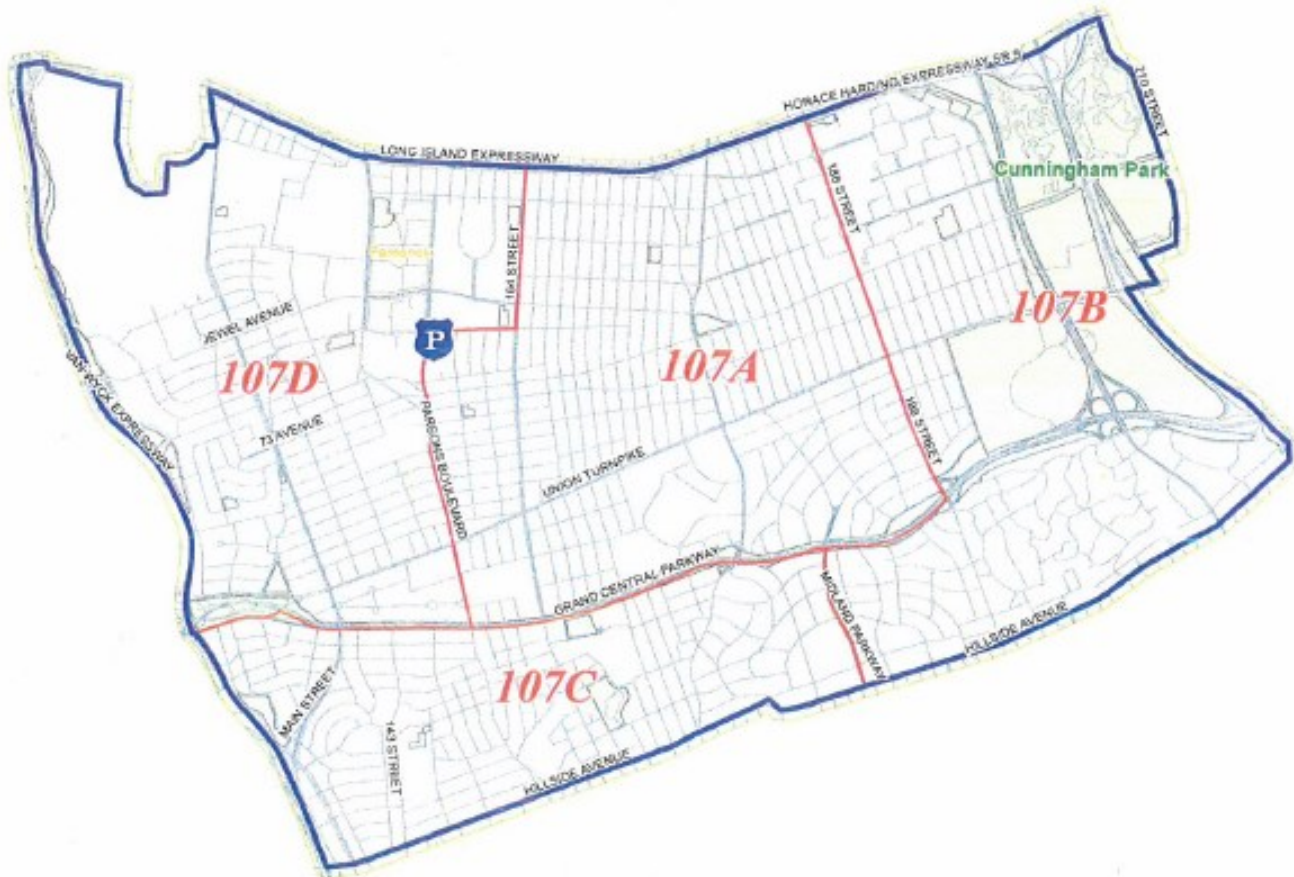
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Nicholas Afanasewicz: (917) 742-1946
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LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION (S)

◇ *There were no new liquor license or renewal applications submitted for review.*

Any complaints about establishments with liquor licenses should be sent to Community Board 8 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.



All Saints Day.....Fri., Nov. 1st
 Election Day Tues., Nov. 5th
 Veterans Day.....Mon., Nov. 11th
 Thanksgiving.....Thurs. Nov. 28th

Remember, parking meters are still in effect.

DEMOLITION NOTICE/VACATE ORDER



Vacate Order (HPD)

87-33 167th Street - Illegal Attic Apartment

NYPD BUILD THE BLOCK MEETING SECTOR C

Briarwood & Jamaica

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2019

Time: 6:45 p.m. (*Doors open*)
 7:00 p.m. (*Meeting starts*)

P.S. 117Q
 85-15 143rd Street
 Jamaica, NY 11435

Neighborhood Coordinating Officers:

- *Officer Shawqi Ahmed*
- *Officer Terrence Shepherd*

*For accommodations regarding any disability, please contact:
 Sergeant Chris Burke at 718 969-6191 or email
Christophe.Burke@nypd.org by **11/11/2019***

NYPD BUILD THE BLOCK MEETING SECTOR D

Kew Gardens Hills & Electchester

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2019

Time: 6:45 p.m. (*Doors open*)
 7:00 p.m. (*Meeting starts*)

P.S./M.S. 164Q
 138-01 77th Avenue
 Flushing, NY 11367

Neighborhood Coordinating Officers:

- *Officer Nicholas Afanasewicz*
- *Officer Matthew Zakian*

*For accommodations regarding any disability, please contact:
 Sergeant Chris Burke at 718 969-6191 or email
Christophe.Burke@nypd.org by **11/16/2019***

NYC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

NYC Department of Transportation will implement safety improvements at the intersection of 139th Street, Manton Street and 85th Drive in Briarwood:

- ◇ Add concrete curb extension on the southwest corner of 139th Street and Manton Street.
- ◇ Add painted sidewalk extension on the southeast corner of 139th Street and 85th Drive.
- ◇ Upgrade pedestrian ramps and crosswalk markings.





November 2019

Community Board 8, Queens

Happy Native American Heritage Month!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					 1	 2 Set your clocks BACK one hour before going to bed tonight.
3	4	 5 We are Closed	6	7	8	 9 HAPPY MAWLID al-Nabi
10	 11 Veterans Day We are Closed	12 BSA 2019-262-BZ 141-55 75th Ave. Public Hearing Hillcrest J.C. 183-02 Union Turnpike 7:30 p.m.	13 Board Meeting Hillcrest J.C. 183-02 Union Turnpike 7:30 p.m.	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	 28 Happy Thanksgiving We are Closed	29	30

“Only when the last tree has died and the last river been poisoned and the last fish been caught will we realize we cannot eat money.”

– Cree Proverb [The Cree tribe is one of the largest Native American groups in North America.]