



November

COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Honorable Sharon Lee

STAFF

DISTRICT MANAGER: Marie Adam-Ovide
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BOARD MEMBERS BY AREA

Area 1 – Kew Gardens Hills

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

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Area 3 - Hillcrest Estates & Jamaica Hills

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Area 4 – Flushing Heights, Flushing Suburban, Hillcrest

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Area 5 – Georgetown Mews, Pomonok, Electchester, Flushing

Mary Maggio – **CHAIR**, Carolann Foley and Frank Magri

Area 6 – Utopia, Fresh Meadows, West Cunningham Park

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Area 7 – Jamaica Estates & Holliswood

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

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Virtual Community Board Meeting Re-cap

October 14, 2020

Minutes - The Minutes of the September 9, 2020 Board Meeting were unanimously approved by 40 members.

Chairperson’s Report – Martha Taylor:

- ◇ Chairperson Martha Taylor welcomed aboard our new Deputy Inspector (D.I.) Denis Mullaney at the 107th Precinct. He is a 20-year veteran within the Department. Several issues were raised to him by the Board Members (i.e. speeding, rave at Cunningham Park, loud muffler vehicles, etc.). He is happy to be with us and is looking forward to working with everyone.
- ◇ Community Board 8 partnered up with Borough President Sharon Lee in collecting new coats for the less fortunate. Feel free to drop-off new coats at the Community Board 8 office during business hours until November 13th.
- ◇ There was an increase in COVID-19 cases within the following zip codes within the District: 11366, 11367 and 11432. She encouraged everyone to continue wearing a mask and practice social distancing.
- ◇ Condolences to Board Member Edward Chung who lost his father due to the COVID-19.

Next Community Board 8 Meeting will be held *virtually* on **Wednesday, November 18, 2020** at 7:30 p.m.
<https://zoom.us/j/99447487795?pwd=bCtFam1SQTB4dE1NTXVQSXNzK1VRQT09>

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:

*Are you a small landlord? Do you have capital needs created by the COVID-19 economic crisis? There is help through the **New York Forward Loan Fund (NYFLF)** from the Governor's Office with the **Community Preservation Corporation** as its Small Landlord CDFI Partner.*

*Building owners who lost cash flow due to tenants who have been impacted by COVID-19 may apply for NYFLF with the assistance of the **Community Preservation Corporation**. The maximum loan is \$100,000 and there are no minimums. This is for small property owners with no more than 200 units under their ownership. The property may not have more than 50 units. The properties must be located in a Community Reinvestment Act ("CRA") eligible census tract or meet a rent test where the property rents are affordable to tenants, at or below, 100%AMI.*

For more information about the program's terms and qualifications and how to apply, please visit CPC's COVID Resources page at: <https://communitycp.com/covid/> or visit the NYFLF homepage at: <https://www.connect2capital.com/partners/new-york-forward-loan-fund/>

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.*

The Mobile Library Is Back!



Queens Public Library News from Jonathan Cheung

It's back....the mobile library will be touring Queens.

Visit the mobile library's walk-up window to sign up for a library card and more! Learn about how to attend virtual programs, how to reserve a book, and how to chat with a librarian. Get a free gift!

For your health and safety, there is no browsing on the bus and the bus is not accepting book returns at this time.

Mobile Library Schedule:

Thursday, October 29, 1:30-4pm: Beach 116th Street (Near the Beach)

Thursday, November 5, 1:30-4pm: Queens County Farm Museum (Little Neck Parkway & 71 Avenue)

Tuesday, November 10, 1:30-4pm: Queens Bridge Park (Vernon Blvd. & 41 Avenue)

Tuesday, November 17, 1:30-4pm: Brookville Park (Brookville Blvd. & Mayda Road)

Wednesday, November 18, 1:30-4pm: La Jornada/Together We Can Food Pantry at the Queens Museum (Queens Museum North Parking Lot, Flushing Meadows Corona Park)

Thursday, November 19, 1:30-4pm: Juniper Park (Juniper Blvd. South & 80th Street)

Tuesday, December 1, 1:30-4pm: Jamaica Colosseum Mall (Jamaica Avenue & 165th Street)

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Elected Officials' Announcements:

Honorable Assembly Member Daniel Rosenthal – AM Rosenthal welcomed Deputy Inspector Mullaney. He is looking forward to working with him. He informed us that Kew Gardens Hills Library is being converted into an emergency testing center for COVID-19 until November 1, 2020. It will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. everyday. Portions of his district and portions of Community Board 8 are in the yellow and red zones of hot spots for COVID. They are working hard to minimize the spread. His office has distributed over 35,000 masks. They will have several PPE distributions events throughout the month.

Kevin Morris representing Mayor Bill de Blasio – The Office of Mayor de Blasio is currently looking at the COVID-19 Hotspot zones in Queens. They are working very diligently with Test and Trace team to identify locations where they can put mobile testing sites. Any organizations interested in doing outreach, getting masks and/or hand sanitizers, can go to Townsend Harris High School where they are opening a distribution center. They are at Townsend Harris H.S., Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. They are trying to minimize the spread in any way possible that they can. He advised everyone to limit travel and if anyone is feeling any symptoms, to self-quarantine and get tested as soon as possible.

Haris Khan representing NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer – He announced that NYC Comptroller Stringer released a proposal for FREE tuition at all CUNY Community Colleges and an overhaul of the New York City's Workforce Development Strategy. It also includes a universal paid internship program for CUNY students, more career and technical education, early college high schools, expansion of certified apprenticeship, subsidized wage, bridge programs and more. Please visit: www.comptroller.nyc.gov for more information.

Committee Reports:

Health Committee – Health Minute with **Dr. Penny M. Stern**, Health Committee Chair
Dr. Stern spoke about the Flu Vaccine and the importance of getting it this year more than ever. She spoke about the similarities of the flu symptoms to COVID-19 Symptoms.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. There are a lot of activities occurring this month (most of them virtually) to raise awareness of this condition impacting about 1 in 8 U.S. women. This condition may also affect men to a smaller extent. She encouraged everyone to get screened for this with a mammography to lower breast cancer rates.

She also endorses the pneumonia and shingles shots. She encouraged everyone to get the flu shot, wear a mask, practice social distance. Get tested and be alert!

Capital & Expense Budget Committee - Marc A. Haken, Budget Director
Budget Director presented the budget items to be submitted for the Capital & Expense Budget for FY'2022 which had overwhelming support from the members:
Capital Budget Priorities were approved by 39 members with 1 opposition.
Expense Budget Priorities were approved by 39 members with 1 opposition.

Queens Complete Count Committee (QCCC) – Michael Hannibal/Kevin Forrestal

Census 2020 – They had several outreach events within the last two weeks before in-person events got cancelled due to the COVID-19. In one event that produced over 450 census completions. The statewide response rate is near 99.9% of households that the Census department has identified. This does not mean that 99.9% of the population has responded. They will know the exact number as soon as the Census count gets completed. They are working hard to try and get as many responses as they can so our Boroughs may get their fair shares despite of all challenges. He thanked everyone who some way somehow became part of the Census process. The decennial population is scheduled to conclude on October 16th depending on the court's decision.

107th Precinct NCO Information

We welcome our new NCOs: **P.O. Rene Valdes** and **P.O. Akmal Asadi** who recently joined the program. The community looks forward to working with you.



SECTOR A - BUILD THE BLOCK MEETING

UPDATED DATE: Monday, NOVEMBER 16, 2020
 TIME: 7:30 p.m. (Doors open at 7:00 p.m.)
 NAME: **Glaze-a-Riffic**
 LOCATION: 180-18 Union Turnpike
 Fresh Meadows, NY 11366

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Archer Avenue Track Reconstruction

from Lucille Songhai

Phase 2, which will begin on November 2nd and run for 6 weeks, will see the resumption of modified E train service from Jamaica Van Wyck to Sutphin Archer and Jamaica Center. This means E trains will run to/from Jamaica Center at all times (except for overnight) every 8 minutes during rush hours, every 10 minutes midday and early evenings, and every 12 minutes late evenings and weekends. These modifications during Phase 2 are necessary as the contractor will still be working on the tracks and we will need to utilize single tracking for the trains to allow for safety while we complete our work. Additional E service will continue to operate between 179th Street and World Trade Center during rush hours.

Once E train service resumes from Jamaica Van Wyck to Jamaica Center on November 2nd, Transit will end shuttle bus service and LIRR will no longer be cross honoring MetroCards at Southeast Queens stations and Penn Station.



Department of
Transportation

Kew Gardens Interchange Phase 4 Project Update

from Melissa Johnson, Community Liaison - NYSDOT

The Kew Gardens Interchange Infrastructure and Operational Improvement Project (Phase 4) began in the spring of 2019. Earlier in 2020, work focused on completing four new bridge structures, including the westbound Grand Central Parkway to westbound Union Turnpike/Queens Boulevard bridge, the eastbound Union Turnpike over Grand Central Parkway bridge, the westbound Union Turnpike over Grand Central Parkway bridge, and the southbound Van Wyck to westbound Union Turnpike/westbound Jackie Robinson Parkway bridge. This fall, construction work is currently focused on the removal of several old bridge structures, and the area of the Kew Gardens Interchange where the Grand Central Parkway connects to the Van Wyck Expressway. The project is approximately 50 percent complete, and is scheduled to be finished in 2022. NYSDOT and the project's Community Liaison Melissa Johnson provide the public with advanced notification of project milestones and construction impacts, including traffic pattern changes, ramp closures and reopenings, and highway and local street detours. Any questions or concerns about the project may be directed to Ms. Johnson at KewGardensInterchangePhase4@dot.ny.gov.

Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) News!

from Maroua Righi - Outreach Coordinator

The CCRB's Youth Advisory Council application is now open! Youth (10-18 years old) can apply at: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/ccrb/about/outreach/yac-application.page> to join the 2021 class.

The Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a group of young New Yorkers who counsel the CCRB and have found innovative ways to bring young New Yorkers into the narrative about civilian oversight of the NYPD. In June, in tandem with the agency's release of a report on youth and the NYPD, the CCRB released a youth-focused [public service announcement](#). In 2019, the YAC planned "[Speak Up, Speak Out: A Youth Summit on Policing in New York City](#)," the CCRB's first-ever full-day conference focused on the relationship between young New Yorkers and the NYPD.

To learn more about the YAC visit nyc.gov/ccrbyouthcouncil

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ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Apply by Nov. 30 @
11:59PM



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If you are:

- Ages 18-24
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- Legally able to work in the US
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You can do all that with the High School Equivalency Programs offered through Commonpoint Queens!

- Free, online classes
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- One on one tutoring
- Stipends and paid internships for valuable work experience
- Career readiness classes to prepare you for job interviews and employment
- Job placement assistance after the program ends
- A laptop to use for classes if needed



Email: work@commonpointqueens.org Call/Text: 619-686-9760



PUBLIC NOTICE

As many of you know, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the New York City Human Resources Administration (HRA) issued an emergency rule making a number of changes to its Burial Claims program, including increasing the maximum allowance from \$900 to \$1,700. Subsequently, HRA extended the \$1,700 burial allowance through December 31, 2020 and made permanent the remaining provisions of the emergency rule.

This proposed rule would extend the \$1,700 burial allowance through June 30, 2021. It can be found at the below link. There will be a remote public hearing on the rule via zoom on November 20th, at 11 a.m.

<https://rules.cityofnewyork.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/HRA-Proposed-Rule-Extending-Increased-Burial-Allowance-with-certifications.pdf>

You can join the hearing on November 20th by:

Zoom (video and audio): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86486071170>

Or go to www.zoom.us, click on “join a meeting” and enter meeting ID 864 8607 1170

Phone (audio only):

646-876-9923

Meeting ID: 864 8607 1170

Comments may be submitted, among other ways, via the NYC Rules website at <http://rules.cityofnewyork.us>, or via email at NYCRules@hra.nyc.gov.

You may also sign up to speak at the hearing by calling us, at **929-221-7220** and leaving a message, or sending an email to NYCRules@hra.nyc.gov. Comments must be received by HRA by midnight on **November 20th**.

Those in need of an interpreter or a reasonable accommodation to participate in the hearing must contact **929-221-7220** or NYCRules@hra.nyc.gov by **5 p.m. on November 13th**.



Human Resources
Administration
Department of
Social Services

Office of
Civil Justice

**NYC Office of Civil Justice's Programs to Provide
Universal Access to Legal Services
for Tenants Facing Eviction**

In 2017, the New York City Council passed Local Law 136, now codified as Chapter 13 of Title 26 of the NYC Administrative Code, also known as New York City's historic right-to-counsel law, which tasks the Office of Civil Justice (OCJ) with providing access to legal services for tenants facing eviction in housing court or termination of tenancy in New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) administrative proceedings. The law requires that the Civil Justice Coordinator hold an annual public hearing to receive recommendations and feedback about these programs.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THE HEARING?

**Monday November 23, 2020
6 P.M. to 9 P.M.**

Due to COVID-19, the hearing will take place remotely via Zoom

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

Anyone can attend the public hearing online or by phone. You can provide comments or feedback on the Universal Access to Legal Services program by:



Public Hearing

You may sign up to speak at the public hearing by calling **929-221-6715** or by emailing civiljustice@hra.nyc.gov on or before November 22. Speakers will be called in the order that they signed up and you may speak for up to three minutes.

Online (video and audio): Go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87896079849>
Or go to [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us). Click on "Join a Meeting" and enter **Meeting ID 878 9607 9849**

By Phone (audio, only):

Call **(646) 876-9923**. When asked, enter **Meeting ID: 878 9607 9849**



Mail You can mail written comments to:

Office of Civil Justice / ATTN: HEARING COMMENTS
NYC Human Resources Administration
150 Greenwich Street, 31st Floor
New York, NY 10007



E-mail You can email written comments to civiljustice@hra.nyc.gov.
Please include "Hearing Comments" in the subject line of your email.

THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS IS NOVEMBER 23, 2020.

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING, such as an interpreter or a reasonable accommodation for a disability, you must tell us by **November 16, 2020**. Call us at **929-221-6715**; email us at civiljustice@hra.nyc.gov; or tell us by mail at the address above.

A TRANSCRIPT OF THE HEARING will be made available to the public on OCJ's website, nyc.gov/civiljustice, a few weeks after the hearing.

For more information, visit OCJ's website, nyc.gov/civiljustice

Did you know?

Advertise Correctly

It's illegal to put or post flyers and business cards on car or truck windows or on any City-owned property, such as lampposts and traffic signs.

Fine avoided: \$75 - \$500. AC 10-117 (a); 10-119-121; and NYS Vehicle Traffic Law 375 (1)

Night Plow

The Department of Sanitation is currently under "Night Plow" schedule. This means that they have more staff working the night shift so that they are prepared to mobilize in case of weather related event. This schedule is effective until the month of April.

Do place your refuse and materials for recycling out for collection **the night before** to avoid a missed collection. Please **do not** place them out on the morning of your scheduled collection, as the sanitation trucks might have already passed by after midnight or the wee hours of the morning. *We appreciate your continued cooperation.*

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) is a federally funded program that helps low-income homeowners and renters pay for utility and heating bills.

If you have received an electric, gas, or heating disconnect notice, you can apply for emergency financial help. You may also qualify for help if you have a low supply of heating fuel or a broken boiler or furnace.

Active SNAP/Cash Assistance clients and clients receiving SSI who live alone are automatically eligible for HEAP benefits.

The application will be available on **Monday, November 2, 2020**



LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION (S)

♦ **Fillmore's Tavern**

166-02 65th Avenue in Flushing - *Renewal of 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.

Block Party Permit Requests



The Mayor's Executive Order 146 limiting Street Activity Permits has been extended through **December 31, 2020.**

DEMOLITION/EXCAVATION NOTICE



- None received this month



Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America

from Stephanie Hubbard

You are invited to provide direct feedback and recommendations on New York City's (NYC) **Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America** jurisdictional plan by taking part in the survey below.

In February 2019, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced **Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America** (EHE: A Plan for America) which aims to reduce new HIV infections by 75% in five years, and by 90% in 10 years. EHE: A Plan for America focuses on four pillars: Diagnose, Treat, Prevent, and Respond.

EHE: A Plan for America includes 48 counties across the U.S.; Washington, DC; San Juan, Puerto Rico; and seven states identified as having a substantial rural HIV burden, each of which will receive additional resources, expertise, and technology to meet these goals. The 48 counties include four NYC boroughs: **Bronx, Kings (Brooklyn), New York (Manhattan), and Queens Counties.**

The NYC Health Department's (HD) Bureau of HIV (BHIV) would like to engage local community members and HIV service providers in the process. Please complete this survey to the best of your ability in order to provide recommendations about the proposed strategies and activities to end the HIV epidemic in NYC. All recommendations will be reviewed by the HD and considered for the final Plan that will guide NYC's approach to HIV testing, prevention, care, and surveillance in the coming years.

The survey should take about 15-20 minutes. Please click on the link below or copy and paste it into your internet browser to begin!

<https://www.surveymzmo.com/s3/5808199/NYC-Ending-the-HIV-Epidemic-Community-Survey>



November 2020

Community Board 8, Queens

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Change your clock & your batteries! 	2	3 Election Day! We're Closed	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Veteran's Day We're Closed 	12	13	14 
15	16	17	18 Virtual Community Board 8Q General Mtg. 	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Happy Thanksgiving! We're Closed	27	28
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"Every election is determined by the people who show up." — Larry Sabato