



October

COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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OFFICERS

CHAIRPERSON: Martha Taylor
1st VICE CHAIR: Michael Hannibal
2nd VICE CHAIR: Seymour Schwartz
3rd VICE CHAIR: Mary Maggio
EXEC. SECRETARY: Carolyn Brown
TREASURER: Harbachan Singh
BUDGET DIRECTOR: Marc A. Haken

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Honorable Sharon Lee

STAFF

DISTRICT MANAGER: Marie Adam-Ovide

Jatma Reyes, Community Associate
Izabela Szczepanska, Community Assistant

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

Area 2 – Briarwood

Seymour Schwartz - **CHAIR**, Carolyn Brown, Solomon Davydov, 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, Bhitihara-Martha Fulton, Paul Lazauskas, Hersh Parekh and Frances Peterson

Area 4 – Flushing Heights, Flushing Suburban, Hillcrest

Jagir Singh Bains—**CHAIR**, Kenneth Cohen II, Steven Konigsberg, Dilip Nath and Dr. Penny M. Stern

Area 5 – Georgetown Mews, Pomonok, Electchester, Flushing

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

Area 6 – Utopia, Fresh Meadows, West Cunningham Park

Maria DeInnocentiis – **CHAIR**, James Gallagher, Jr., Robert Harris, Tami Hirsch, Alan Ong and Tamara Osherov

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

Be Safe! Wear a Mask! Stay Six Feet Apart! Get Tested!

Virtual June 10, 2020 - Board Meeting Re-cap

The Minutes of the June 10, 2020 Board Meeting were unanimously approved by 37 members.

Chairperson’s Report – Martha Taylor: Chairperson Martha Taylor congratulated Board Member Wendy Phaff and former Council Member Jim Gennaro on their marriage.

Elected Officials’ Announcements:

Honorable State Senator John Liu – He spoke about schools’ schedule re-opening and in-person learning. He is looking forward to working with everyone.

Honorable Assemblyman David Weprin – He spoke about the lien sale originally scheduled for September 4th. City Council Member Adams will be supporting Senator Comrie’s bill in the legislature at a Council meeting. The US Senate has not been cooperative as far as helping City and State budgets.

Honorable Councilmember Grodenchik – He announced that an estimated 70-million-dollar addition to P.S. 26 was approved. The Redwood Playground has re-opened and the 210th Playground was funded. There will be an announcement about the first phase of the Vanderbilt Motor Park Parkway. To all of those celebrating he wished them a happy and healthy new year/Rosh Hashanah.

Next Community Board 8 Meeting will be *virtually* on **Wednesday, October 14, 2020** at 7:30 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/97162341455?pwd=NDQZblBkT1RCTnJ5bVE3VDh5M1NMZz09>

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

A Word from the District Manager...

Dear Resident,

Thousands of fires occur in New York City every year. Many of these fires are preventable if the proper safety measures were taken. Did you know that in Community Board 8, alone there were 611 fires in 2019? Furthermore, there were 28 fatalities in Queens, albeit none in CB8.

The Fire Department has a Fire Safety Week [October 4th to October 10th] each year. There will be activities throughout the City. A virtual fire prevention day will stream at www.fdnysmart.org on October 5th at 10 a.m. We encourage you to join the FDNY Fire Safety Education Unit to learn smart tips to prevent fires in your homes.

For more online tips and safety educational videos visit www.fdnysmart.org/connect

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/queensch8.

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Special Election: Chairperson Martha Taylor nominated **Mary Maggio** to fill the 3rd Vice-Chair position vacated by Stanley Weinblatt who retired, seconded by Marc A. Haken.

Mary Maggio was unanimously elected as **3rd Vice Chair**.

Committee Reports:

Health Minute with Dr. Penny Stern, Health Committee Chair: Dr. Stern discussed the importance of taking the flu shot. She also discussed the importance of wearing a mask and practicing social distancing to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

DSNY/DEP Committee Kevin Forrestal: Spoke of the budget cuts to Sanitation and that Sanitation Commissioner Garcia resigned. She questioned DSNY's ability to address snow removal during the major storm. Mr. Forrestal also spoke about the length of time for rain gardens installation. The Committee voted to send a letter to request expediting the process.

Marc A. Haken made a motion to send the drafted letter, seconded by **Kevin Forrestal**.

Count in favor: 37

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Census 2020- Kevin Forrestal: There are a lot of pop-up activities being done by the Borough President. There have been events in parks and Muslim Centers in conjunction with COVID testing. The Trump Administration is closing the Census a month early. The U.S. Census Bureau has partnered with organizations that are doing back to school events.



JACOB A. RIIS NEIGHBORHOOD SETTLEMENT
10-25 41ST AVE, LONG ISLAND CITY, NY 11101

FREE CITIZENSHIP CLASSES

Prepare for your citizenship interview

Study U.S. history & civics questions

Practice reading, writing, and interview skills



Classes will be held ONLINE

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

6:00 - 8:00 PM

October 14 - December 21

To register or for more information:

Call 973 - 797 - 9407

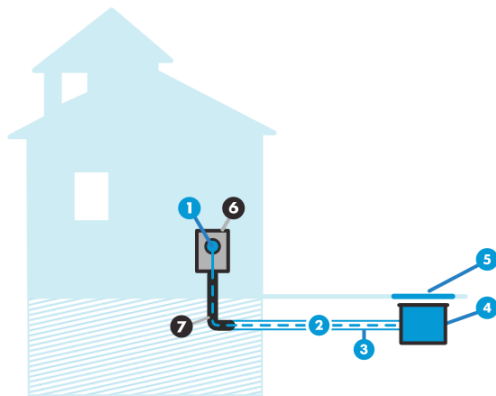
Email slara@riissettlement.org





Please look at the pictures below to determine what equipment Con Edison is responsible for repairing and what you, the homeowner, is responsible to repair.

Underground



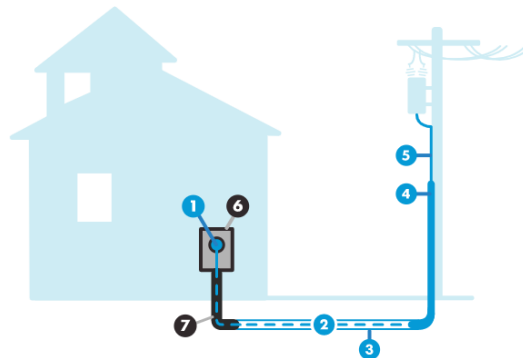
What's Ours

- 1 Electric Meter
- 2 Underground Wires
- 3 Wire Conduit
- 4 Electric Manhole
- 5 Manhole Cover

What's Yours

- 6 Meter Enclosure / Box
- 7 Sweep / Customer Conduit

Underground From Pole



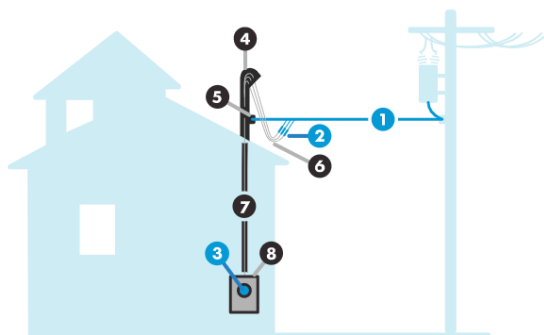
What's Ours

- 1 Electric Meter
- 2 Underground Wires
- 3 Wire Conduit
- 4 Riser
- 5 Wires on Pole

What's Yours

- 6 Meter Enclosure / Box
- 7 Sweep / Customer Conduit

Overhead



What's Ours

- 1 Service Wire
- 2 Connection Point
- 3 Electric Meter

What's Yours

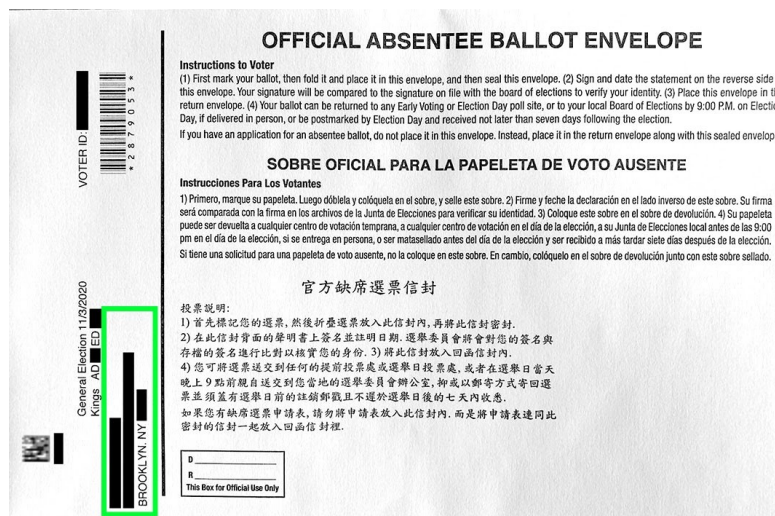
- 4 Weatherhead
- 5 Service Bracket / Point of Attachment
- 6 Drip Loop
- 7 Entrance Cable & Standpipe
- 8 Meter Enclosure / Box

Important Information Regarding Mail In Ballots

Here's what you need to know, according to Mathew Pitt from NYCCFB. Some voters received ballot envelopes addressed to the wrong person.

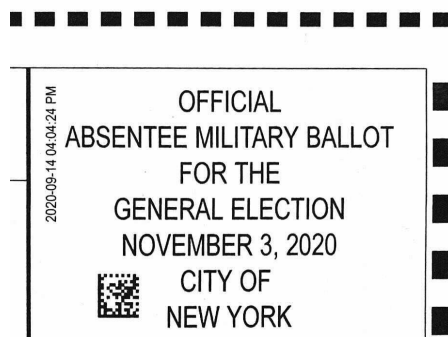
What to do: Check to make sure your name is on your ballot envelope. If someone else's name appears, **DO NOT** return your ballot. The Board of Elections will automatically send a new ballot package – including a corrected ballot envelope – to *all* voters in the batch with errors.

You are also still eligible to vote in-person during Early Voting (Oct 24-Nov 1) or on Election Day (Nov 3).



All absentee ballots say “Official Absentee Military Ballot” in the top corner. This is the correct ballot, even if you are not serving in the military. (*The same ballot is used for both absentee and military voters.*)

What to do: You can use this ballot to vote by mail with confidence.



Did you know?

Littering and Sweeping

Littering, sweeping, throwing or casting 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 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.**

Bite: when using a "blower" grass, leaves, litter, etc., must be blown into a pile and properly disposed o with other sweepings,

\$16-118 (1) Fine - \$100 - \$4501st Offense

\$250 - \$450.....2nd Offence within 12 months

\$350 - \$450.....3rd+ Offense within 12 months

Fire Pits

The use of portable outdoor patio fireplaces, patio hearths and fire pits are strictly prohibited and illegal in New York City. They are considered open flames.





LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION (S)

- ♦ Fresh Meadows Pizza & Rest. Inc DBA Fresh Meadows Pizza
195-09 69th Avenue in Fresh Meadows - **Renewal of 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.

Block Party Permit Requests



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

DEMOLITION/EXCAVATION NOTICE



- 73-08 Utopia Pkwy. — Full Demo
- 75-55 185th Street — Garage only
- 186-28 Aberdeen Road — Full Demo

Possible SNAP Phishing Scam

Be aware of a scam using texting to obtain your personal information. The text might say you were chosen to receive food stamps or SNAP. If you do not know if a request for information about SNAP is real or not, contact your local SNAP office.

Never share personal information with individuals or organizations that you do not know. Personal information includes your social security number, bank information, or SNAP electronic benefits transfer card or PIN number.

If you think the text is a scam, do not reply at all. Just delete.

There have been reports of the general public receiving unsolicited calls from what appears to be the SNAP toll-free information hotline number: 1-800-221-5689. The unsolicited callers are requesting personal information, offering to assist filling out a SNAP application, or calling about other non-SNAP related services, such as home security systems. Never provide personal information or your credit card number over the phone to unsolicited callers.

Whoever is impersonating the SNAP toll-free information hotline number is not affiliated with the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) or SNAP.

If you suspect you are receiving illegitimate calls from 1-800-221-5689, please file a complaint with the FCC.

If you have already fallen victim to this scam or a similar one, please visit: <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft/> for more information on identity theft.



October 2020

Community Board 8, Queens

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 International Coffee Day	2 Happy Sukkot Sukkot Begins	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Deadline to register to vote in the General Election Sukkot Ends	10 Shemini Atzeret
11 Simchat Torah	12 Happy Columbus Day! We are Closed	13	14 Virtual Community Board 8Q General Mtg. 7:30 p.m. 	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 National Pumpkin Day	27	28	29 Mawlid Un Nabi	30	31 HALLOWEEN

A spark neglected makes a mighty fire. ~Robert Herrick