



# September

## COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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*School is open. Drive safely. Watch out for our precious little ones!!!*

## No Garbage, Recycling or Organics Collection, nor Street Cleaning on Labor Day - Monday, September 2, 2019



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 2, 2019.**

- Residents who normally receive **Monday trash or organics collection** should place their material out at curbside after 4 p.m. on **Monday, September 2nd** for pickup.
- Residents who normally receive **Monday recycling collection** should place their material out at curbside after 4 p.m. on **Sunday, September 8th** for pickup on **Monday, September 9th.**

Additionally, all Sanitation Department administrative offices will be closed on Monday, September 2nd in observance of the holiday.

In observance of September 11th our monthly board meeting had been changed to the third Wednesday.

**September 18, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.**  
**Hillcrest Jewish Center**  
183-02 Union Turnpike (Auditorium)  
Fresh Meadows, NY 11366

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

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

*Dear Community Board 8 Resident/Voter:*

*You may recall last year that we voted on a few ballot questions following the Mayor's sponsored Charter Revision. Subsequently, the City Council worked on its own sponsored Charter Revisions. As a result, there will be five ballot proposals this November that you will be voting on.*

*It is very important that you familiarize yourself with these questions so that you can make an informed decision when you vote on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. This is your chance to amend the Charter - the City's Constitution. There will be events in **Queens** that you can attend for this purpose.*

**Monday, September 9, 2019**

**6:30 p.m.**

Queens Borough Hall  
Helen Marshall Center  
120-55 Queens Blvd.  
Kew Gardens, NY 11424

**Tuesday, October 15, 2019**

**6:30 p.m.**

Queens Borough Hall  
Helen Marshall Center  
120-55 Queens Blvd.  
Kew Gardens, NY 11424

*The ballot proposals will be on the following topics:*

- *Elections*
- *Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB)*
- *Ethics and Governance*
- *City Budget*
- *Land Use.*

*Hopefully, you will make time to attend at least one of these events. 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 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](http://www.nyc.gov/queenscb8).*

## Bayside Hills Civic Association **9/11 CEREMONY** Never Forget

Please join us for a very special evening as we rename the NE corner of Bell Boulevard and Horace Harding Expressway "Bayside Hills 9/11 Memorial Way"

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2019**  
**7PM AT MEMORIAL GARDEN**

Northside corner of Horace Harding Expressway and Bell Boulevard

**LET'S STAND STRONG TOGETHER**



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**FACEBOOK.COM/BAYSIDEHILLS**



## What is Shigella?

Penny Stern, MD, MPH, FACPM, FACOEM

CB8 Health Committee Chair

Recently, some of you may have heard about cases of the bacterial intestinal infection, shigella, occurring in a group of New Yorkers who had frequented Flushing Meadows Corona Park. The immediate problem has been resolved by the Department of Health but it's prudent to be aware of shigella and how to avoid contracting it. In order to get infected, one must be in contact with the stool of an infected person. Often, this kind of situation occurs, for example, when people handle diapers and then do not wash their hands thoroughly. Other kinds of risks include contaminated water -- either by drinking it or perhaps swimming in such contaminated water. (*That's why children in diapers are often prohibited from public pools.*) It cannot be emphasized enough that handwashing is a critical element in maintaining good health. You can never go wrong by washing your hands after toileting, after handling diapers, and always before eating. Small children usually contract shigella but anyone can get it. The symptoms include diarrhea (*which may be bloody*), along with cramping and fever. Most cases are self-limiting and will clear up without medical intervention. Sometimes, the condition becomes severe, with the patient becoming dehydrated and even losing weight. When a child manifests these symptoms along with a significant fever (*that is, 101 °F or greater*), getting medical attention is essential. Treatment may include antibiotics in addition to rehydration. So, don't become a statistic! **Wash your hands frequently** and encourage everyone else to do so, too. Teach your children and grandchildren that handwashing is a must for everyone.

SATURDAY  
**14**  
September  
Starts at 1 PM - 7 PM

  
**BLOOD  
DRIVE**

1 PINT OF BLOOD SAVES  
**3 LIVES!**



## GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE

### INFORMATION

- ◇ Bring Donor Card/ID
- ◇ Minimum Weight: 110lbs
- ◇ Drink plenty of fluids and eat well
- ◇ No new tattoos for past 12 months
- ◇ Age 16 - 75 (*16 year-olds must have parental permission, 75+ must have a doctor's note*)

**Bait-uz-Zafar Mosque**  
**188-15 McLaughlin Avenue, Hollis**  
**Questions? NYBC.ORG | 1.800.688.0900**

## Concerned About Public Benefits & Immigration?

*Don't stop using public benefits unnecessarily.*

*Free legal help is available.*

- 📞 **For anyone worried about how the “public charge” rule may affect them, please consult a City-funded, free, safe immigration legal service provider by calling ActionNYC at 1-800-354-0365 and saying “public charge.”**

As you may have heard, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security published its final “public charge” rule change on August 14, 2019. The Trump Administration is making it harder for some immigrants to get green cards or certain types of visas if they use, or may be likely to use, certain public benefits and programs.

### ⓘ As of August 14, 2019:

- These changes will not come into effect until October 15, 2019. However, a court might stop these changes before then.
- These changes will not affect your eligibility for public benefits and programs.
- These changes do not apply to all immigrants. Many people are exempt from the “public charge” rule. If you have any questions, you should seek legal assistance from an immigration attorney.

If you are sponsoring a family member abroad, or will be traveling abroad to apply for a green card or visa, call ActionNYC for City-funded, free, trusted immigration legal services.

There is no “public charge” test for green card holders applying for citizenship.

Stay up to date on important information about public charge at [NYC.gov/PublicCharge](https://nyc.gov/publiccharge).

# New Law on School Vaccination Requirements

## Removing Nonmedical Exemption

On June 13, 2019, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed legislation removing nonmedical exemptions from school vaccination requirements for children to help protect the public from the worst measles outbreak in more than 25 years.

## What does the new law do?

The new law no longer allows a religious exemption to the requirement that children be vaccinated against measles and other diseases to attend either:

- public, private or parochial school (for students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade), or
- day care.

## Deadlines for vaccination under the new law

### For children who are attending school or day care this **summer**:

**Within 14 days of the first day of school or day care** – children must receive the first age-appropriate dose in each immunization series to attend or remain in school or day care.

**Within 30 days after the first day of school or day care** – parents or guardians of such children must show that they have appointments for all required follow-up doses. The deadlines for follow-up doses depend on the vaccine.

### For children entering or attending school or day care in the **fall**:

**Within 14 days of the first day of school or day care** – children must receive the first age-appropriate dose in each immunization series to attend or remain in school or day care.

**Within 30 days after the first day of school or day care** – parents or guardians of such children must show that they have appointments for all required follow-up doses. The deadlines for follow-up doses depend on the vaccine.

## Catch-up Immunization Schedule to continue to attend school or day care:

The New York State Department of Health expects children to receive all required doses listed on [Table 2](#) at the following link:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/child/0-18yrs-child-combined-schedule.pdf>

# Back to School.

## MOTORIST TIPS FOR CHILDRENS SAFETY

### What Can I Do?



#### Do Not Pass

It is illegal to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.



#### All Stop

Traffic in both directions stop on undivided roadways when students are entering or exiting a school bus.



#### Seeing Yellow

School buses use yellow flashing lights to alert motorists that they are preparing to stop to load or unload children.



#### Stay Behind

Traffic behind a school bus (traveling in the same direction) must stop.



#### Seeing Red

Red flashing lights and an extended stop sign signals to motorists that the bus is stopped and children are getting on or off the bus.



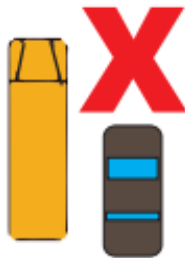
#### Crosswalks

Do not block the crosswalk.



### **Distance**

Stop your car far enough from the bus to allow children the necessary space to safely enter and exit the bus.



### **Never Pass on Right**

Never pass a school bus on the right.



### **Look Out**

Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, residential areas, playgrounds and parks.



### **Stop**

Always stop when directed to do so by a school patrol sign, school patrol officer or designated crossing guard



### **Stay Alert**

Children are the least predictable pedestrians and the most difficult to see.



### **Don't Honk**

Don't honk your horn, rev your engine or do anything to rush or scare a child in front of your car.

**NYPD**

[www.nyc.gov/nypd](http://www.nyc.gov/nypd)



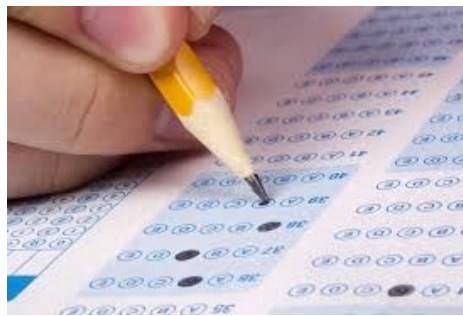
QUEENS PUBLIC LIBRARY

# Practice SHSAT Exam

**Saturday, September 14th**

**1:00-4:30 p.m.**

**At the Fresh Meadows Library**



Take this free, full length practice test to find out how you might score on the real thing! Your personalized score report pinpointing your strengths and weaknesses will help you know what to focus on as you prep.

Registration by phone at 718-454-7272 or in person. Walk-ins taken if space permits.

**Fresh Meadows Library | (718) 454-7272**  
**193-20 Horace Harding Expressway,**  
**Fresh Meadows, NY 11365**

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## **A message from Erin Drinkwater**

### **Deputy Commissioner, HRA**

Intergovernmental and Legislative Affairs

To better serve New Yorkers in need, specifically, those who reside or work in Queens, the Department of Social Services/Human Resources Administration (HRA) is opening a new Medicaid office to be located at **165-08 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Jamaica, New York 11432**.

Like all community Medicaid offices, the Jamaica office will be managed by HRA's Medical Insurance and Community Services Administration (MICSA), which administers the Medicaid program for residents of New York City. Services at this location will include accepting and processing applications and renewals for this population, performing actions on existing cases, such as adding a new household member or changing a home address.

The Jamaica Medicaid Office is expected to open on **September 9, 2019** and serve approximately 140 individuals and families daily, primarily residents of Central and Eastern Queens. However, all residents of New York City who visit this Medicaid office will receive service. Approximately 20 MICSA staff will work at this office, and regular operating hours will be from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

The new office is conveniently located near multiple subway and bus lines. It is within one block of the 165<sup>th</sup> Street/Jamaica bus terminal, which has twenty bus lines originating both within the terminal and on adjacent streets, and near the F subway line at the Parsons Blvd. and 169<sup>th</sup> Street stops.

Clients and providers will be notified about the opening of the new office via posters, Medicaid alerts provided by the HRA's Office of Eligibility Information Services, and through the HRA website and social media.



## **SEPTEMBER**

QUEENS PUBLIC BOARD MEETING



**Join the Civilian Complaint Review Board for its September Public Board Meeting and discussion on policing.**

**When: Thursday, September 12, 2019  
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

**Where: Jacob A. Riis Neighborhood Settlement House  
10-25 41st Avenue, Long Island City, NY 11101**



*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???*

### **Planting Requirements**

**Effective April 30, 2008** - *The Yard Text Amendment added new planting requirements for properties in Residential Zoning Districts as follows:*

#### **23-451 Planting Requirement** *[for zones] R1, R2, R3, R4 & R5*

In the districts indicated, a minimum percentage of the area of the front yard shall be planted which shall vary by street frontage of the zoning lot as set forth in the following table. For the purposes of this Section, the front yard shall include the entire area between all street walls of the building and their prolongations and the street line. Planted areas shall be comprised of any combination of grass, groundcover, shrubs, trees or other living plant material.

For through lots or corner lots, the planting requirement of this section shall be applied separately to each street frontage. For corner lots, planted areas of overlapping portions of front yards shall only be counted towards the planting requirement of one front yard.

For zoning lots with multiple building segments, the planting requirement of this section shall be applied separately to the entire area between the street wall of each building segment and the street line.

Street frontage of zoning lot, or street wall width of Building segment, as applicable.

#### **Minimum percentage of #front yard# to be planted:**

- ◇ Less than 20 feet    20%
- ◇ 20 to 34 feet        25%
- ◇ 35 to 59 feet        30%

## LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION (S)

- ◆ **Crust on J Inc. d/b/a The Upper Crust**  
67-11 Main Street, Flushing - *New Wine, Beer, and Cider License*
- ◆ **A Small Dream Inc.**  
138-59 Queens Blvd., Briarwood - *New Full Liquor License*
- ◆ **Fresh Meadows Wings LLC d/b/a Hooters of Fresh Meadows**  
61-09 190th Street, Fresh Meadows - *Renewal of Full Liquor License*
- ◆ **175 Singh Brothers, Inc. d/b/a Parsons Ale House**  
79-08 Parsons Blvd., Flushing - *Renewal of Full Liquor License*
- ◆ **Tienda Vieja Restaurant Corp**  
65-62 Fresh Meadow Lane, Flushing - *New Wine, Beer, and Cider License*
- ◆ **AACJ Enterprise LLC d/b/a One Banquet Hall**  
181-08 Union Turnpike, Fresh Meadows - *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.*

### CITY PARKING RULES

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



Labor Day.....Mon., September 2nd  
Rosh Hashanah.....Mon., September 30th  
**Remember, parking meters are still in effect.**

### DEMOLITION/EXCAVATION NOTICE



#### Demolition Notices (DOB)

160-06 84th Avenue - House  
85-20 160th Street - House  
61-22 182nd Street - House  
61-40 146th Place - Extension

### NYPD BUILD THE BLOCK MEETING SECTOR A

Fresh Meadows

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2019**

**Time:** 7:00 p.m. (*Doors open*)  
7:30 p.m. (*Meeting starts*)

Hillcrest Jewish Center  
183-02 Union Turnpike  
Flushing, NY 11366

#### **Neighborhood Coordinating Officers:**

- *Officer Jessica Arrubla*
- *Officer Albert Trotter*

*For accommodations regarding any disability, please contact:  
Sergeant Chris Burke at 718 969-6191 or email  
[Christophe.Burke@nypd.org](mailto:Christophe.Burke@nypd.org) by 09/22/2019*

### NYPD BUILD THE BLOCK MEETING SECTOR C

Briarwood and Jamaica

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2019**

**Time:** 7:15 p.m. (*Meeting starts*)

Masjid Darul Uloom  
150-15 Hillside Avenue  
Jamaica, NY 11432

#### **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](mailto:Christophe.Burke@nypd.org) by 09/15/2019*

# September 2019

## Community Board 8, Queens

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 	10 Liquor License Cmte. Meeting CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Ave 7:30 p.m.	11 	12 Public Hearing BSA Appl.: 80-14 Chevy Chase 187-01 Hillside Ave Hillcrest J.C. 183-02 Union Tpke. 7:30 p.m.	13 	14
15  Sept. 15th to Oct. 15th	16 Capital/Expense Public Hearing (New Items) CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Ave	17  Constitution Day 17th September	18 Board Meeting Hillcrest J.C. 183-02 Union Turnpike 7:30 p.m.	19	20	21
22	23 Transportation Cmte. Meeting CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Ave 7:30 p.m.	24	25	26 Parks Cmte. Meeting (Tentative) CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Ave 7:30 p.m.	27	28
29 	30					

*“Una de las cosas mas difíciles de la vida es decidir si alejarte o intentarlo un poco mas.”*  
*“One of the hardest parts of life is deciding whether to walk away or try harder.”*

- Hispanic saying