



Mid-Summer

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: Bhitihara-Martha Fulton
TREASURER: Harbachan Singh
BUDGET DIRECTOR: Vacant

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Honorable Linda Lee - 23rd District
Honorable James Gemaro - 24th District

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Honorable Donovan Richards

STAFF

DISTRICT MANAGER: Marie Adam-Ovide
Sandra Aikens-Williams, Community Assistant
Soleil Griffin, Community Assistant
Nettie Norris, Community Service Aide

BOARD MEMBERS BY AREA

Area 1 – Kew Gardens Hills

Mitch Lisker – CHAIR, Heather Bennett-Idels, Susan D. Cleary, Jennifer Martin, Rabbi Yaniv Metrov, Rabbi Shlomo Nisanov, Tobias Paris, Simon Pelman and Jacob Weinberg.

Area 2 – Briarwood

Seymour Schwartz – CHAIR, Solomon Davydov, Allen Eisenstein, John Gebhard, Elke Maerz, Mohammad Rahman, Charlton Rhee and Douglas Sherman.

Area 3 – Hillcrest Estates & Jamaica Hill

Kevin Forrestal – CHAIR, Dilafroz Ahmed, Bhitihara-Martha Fulton, Wendy Gennaro, Ahsan Habib, Mohammed “Delwar” Islam, Hersh Parekh and Frances Peterson.

Area 4 – Flushing Heights, Flushing Suburban, Hillcrest

Dr. Penny M. Stern – CHAIR, Kenneth Cohen II, Steven Konigsberg, and Dilip Nath.

Area 5 – Georgetown Mews, Pomonok, Electchester, Flushing

Mary Maggio – CHAIR, Neeta Jain, Jenna Citron Schwab and Deepti Sharma.

Area 6 – Utopia, Fresh Meadows, West Cunningham Park

Maria DeInnocentiis – CHAIR, James Gallagher, Alan Ong, Tamara Osherov and Amy Tse.

Area 7 – Jamaica Estates & Holliswood

Howard Fried – CHAIR, Dr. Robert Block, Edward Chung, Michael Hannibal, David Mordukhaev, Jesse Rosenbaum, Harbachan Singh, Martha Taylor, Mohammed Tohin and Mayer Waxman.

Happy Summer from the 2023-2024 Board Members!



June's Community Board Public Hearing/Meeting (recap)
183-02 Union Turnpike
Fresh Meadows

- ◆ The Minutes of Wednesday May 10, 2023, were unanimously approved.
- ◆ **Chairperson's Report:**
Chairperson Martha Taylor introduced the new Community Assistant, Soleil Griffin. She announced, Alan Ong has accepted the Chairmanship of the Youth, Library and Education Committee.

Community Board 8 is sending a letter to the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation in support of the plans to revitalize Goose Pond [Captain Tily] Park.

The Friends of Cunningham Park needs more volunteers.
- ◆ **Scott Solomon, Senior Borough Planner - Department of City Planning** – He gave a presentation regarding zoning for carbon neutralization, a non-ULURP text amendment. He distributed handouts detailing 17 proposed policies, sorted into four main goals for decarbonizing our energy through changes to buildings, transportation, water, compost, and recycling.

Guest Speakers:

Pascale Bernard, Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Affairs - NYS Office of Cannabis Management.

- The Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA) was signed into law March 31, 2021. Legalizing a person over the age of 21 to smoke cannabis everywhere it is legal to smoke cigarettes and vape. They may buy and possess up to 3 ounces of cannabis flowers, up to 24 ounces of cannabis oil.
- Community Boards will monitor dispensaries and on-site consumption lounges.

To inquire or file a complaint about a cannabis business email at complaints@ocm.ny.gov or cannabis.ny.gov/report-an-incident. Provide name of business, time of incident, and location. If it is safe to do so, please provide pictures and your contact information.

The Honorable City Councilmember, James Gennaro

He will be meeting with other legislators about Medicare Advantage.
Sandy's Law will not pass.

Local Law 97 is now the law of New York City. He proposes tax credits for compliance with Local Law 97; however, the City Council does not have the authority to pass this. He will be working with the city's Chief of Climate Officer. There are incentives for good faith property owners making an effort to comply with Local Law 97. Cooperatives and Condominium owners will be financially hurt while making these adjustments.

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Elections - Kevin Forrestal, Nomination Committee Chair - Mr. Forrestal conducted the Executive Board's elections. Bhitihara Fulton was nominated and elected Secretary. Since the slate ran unopposed, Executive Secretary Fulton casted one vote for:

- Martha Taylor – Chairperson
- Michael Hannibal – First Vice Chair
- Seymour Schwartz – Second Vice Chair
- Mary Maggio – Third Vice Chair
- Harbachan Singh – Treasurer

All nominees were confirmed.

Deputy Inspector Kevin Chan:

There has been an increase in the number of car and motorcycle theft. The most targeted are vehicles manufactured by Honda.

Zoning Committee - Steve Konigsberg:

Text Amendment N 230113 ZRY for The City of Yes for Carbon Neutrality

Chairperson Steven Konigsberg presented the joint Zoning and Housing/Buildings Committees' findings to the full Board. At the meeting, they reviewed the city's plan to move away from fossil fuel and how current zoning mandates impede progress. Tobias Paris made a motion in support of the Text Amendment, seconded by Dilip Nath.

Vote: 15 Yes 28 No no Abstentions

DEP/Sanitation Committee – Kevin Forrestal, Chairperson:

Prior to this meeting, this committee's minutes were sent to every board member. The results of a community survey regarding "The Future of Trash" policy was emailed to all Board Members as well. The community rejected this policy. As a result, the committee drafted a letter to be sent to Mayor Eric Adams. Heather Bennett-Idels made a motion accept the letter, seconded by Susan Cleary. The motion unanimously passed.

Area 6 Committee – Maria DeInnocentiis, Chairperson:

Ms. DeInnocentiis thanked Chairperson Martha Taylor for her assistance with the Mayflower Hotel. The city wanted to extend the contract with Housing Works to continue to provide administrative support for three years, without public hearings. Community Board 8 along with elected officials, City Councilmember Linda Lee, State Senator John Liu and Assembly Member Nily Rozic were supportive of the concerns that residents voiced during this open contract period.

Health Minute with Dr. Stern

Walking is the best method of exercising. It can reduce your stress level and relieve tension. Walking can help to improve your cardiovascular system and memory.

Next Public Hearing/Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 13, 2023
Minutes of Board Meetings are available *usually* within two weeks on our website.

A Special Thank You To All Our

Vendors

- Honorable John Liu, State Senator and Staff
- Honorable Melinda Katz , Queens District Attorney and Staff
- Honorable David Weprin
- Captain Selligatti and Fire Fighter Canosa, Fire Department
- Nelson Fung, Parks Manager and staff, Department of Parks and Recreation
- Jennifer Martin, Schwartz Brothers Memorial Chapel and staff
- Jasmine Quash, Axzons Home Healthcare
- Donna Ivey, Catholic Charities Alzheimer's Program
- LuQuan Loyd, Department of Buildings
- Horace "Stan" Anderson, Motivation Readers Mastermind Network (MRMN)
- Patricia McColley and staff, Northwell Health
- Sam Yang, Commission on Human Rights
- Martha Vernazza, Department of Health - Neighborhood Rat Reduction Initiative
- Karen Branch-Kum, Department of Social Services
- Joseph Patti, Department of Transportation
- Lisa Tambasco, Silvercrest Center
- Eilene Valarezo, VNS Health
- Vanetta English, Wellcare
- Ideal Food Market

CB8 Health Fair's Vendors and Volunteers!

Volunteers:

- Martha Taylor, Chairperson
- Michael Hannibal, 1st Vice Chair
- Alan Ong, Education, Youth & Library Chair
- Amy Tse, CB8 Member
- Tammy Osherov, CB8 Member
- Hersh Parekh, CB8 Member
- Kevin Forrestal, DEP/Sanitation Committee Chair
- James Gallagher, CB8 Member
- Susan Cleary, CB8 Member
- Bhitihara-Martha Fulton, Parks Committee Chair
- Mary Maggio, CB8 Member
- Herb & Bonnie Phillips
- Saaif Alam, Queens General Assembly
- Arcelia Cook, Queens General Assembly
- Olivia Ovide, College Student
- Naya Clark, College Student
- Zaina Mainali, Realtor

A Word from the District Manager

Dear Resident,

It is resurfacing season at Community Board 8!

You might have observed Department of Transportation contractors have milled [*removal of the top layer*] some of the streets in our community recently. They since have taken all their equipment and you are probably wondering when are they coming to finish the job. After milling, the department waits for about three weeks to resume the work by paving. Why? During these weeks, the agency gives other entities (i.e. Con Edison, Verizon, Spectrum, etc.) the opportunity to do work while the underlayer is exposed.

Once the street is resurfaced, there will be an embargo on street opening permits. This means only emergency work will be allowed. If work must be performed that will disturb the street, then the company will have to pay extra.

Please see the list of streets to be resurfaced this year below. If your street is in need of resurfacing, and is not on the list for this year, please send a request to our Transportation Committee for review.

- 197 Street (Union Tpke. to 67 Ave.)
- 67 Avenue (192 St. to 199 St.)
- 195 Lane (67 Ave. to 69 Ave.)
- 188 Street (73 Ave. to Union Tpke.)
- 187 Street (73 Ave. to Union Tpke.)
- 75 Avenue (188 St. to 185 St.)
- 68 Ave. (Main St. to 150 St.)
- 68 Ave. (Main St. Dead End (147 St.)
- 68 Rd. (Dead End (147 St.) Main St.)
- 69 Rd. (Main St. to 150 St.)
- 147 St. (Melbourne Ave. to Jewel Ave.)
- Jewel Ave. (Park Dr. East to 147 St.)
- 72 Ave. 164 St. to 166 St.)
- 76 Ave. (Utopia Pkwy. to 164 St.)
- 75 Rd. (164 St. to 166 St.)
- 77 Rd. (166 St. to 164 St.)
- 76 Rd. (164 St. to 166 St.)
- 75 Ave. (164 St. Parsons Blvd.)
- 75 Rd. (164 St. to Parsons Blvd.)
- 76 Ave. (Parsons Blvd. to 164 St.)
- 76 Rd. (164 St. to Parsons Blvd.)
- 77 Ave. (166 St. to 164 St.)
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- 78 Ave. (162 St. to 164 St.)
- 160 St. Dead End (72 Ave.) 79 Ave.)
- 162 St. (71 Ave. to Union Tpke.)
- 79 Ave. (Union Tpke. to Parsons Blvd.)
- 170 St. (Union Tpke. to Jewel Ave.)
- Lander St. (Pershing Crescent to Hoover Ave.)
- Daniels St. (Hoover Ave. to Pershing Crescent)
- 84 Road. (Main St. to Lander St)

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-Oxide

P.S.: Once again, I am encouraging you to sign up to receive our Newsletter via email. This will help us save on the cost of postage.

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTIFICATION (S)

- **Fresh Meadows Wings, LLC dba Hooters of Fresh Meadows**
61-09 190th Street in Fresh Meadows
Renewal- Full Liquor License
- **Lovells Lounge Corp—dba Lovell's Guiding Light**
148-33 Hillside Avenue in Hollis
NEW - 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.

DEMOLITION/VACATE NOTICE

- 184-45 Aberdeen Road - Demolition (House & Garage)
- 73-60 160th Street (House)
- 80-23 189th Street (Garage only)
- 169-21 Hillside Avenue - Demolition (House)
- 75-71 185th Street - Demolition (House and Garage)
- 209-30 86th Drive - Partial Vacate Order
- 64-50 185th Street - Partial Vacate Order - Illegal apartment created in the cellar. Inadequate means of egress.

CITY PARKING RULES

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

Feast of the Assumption.....Tues., August 15th (Parking meters are still in effect.)



Friends of Cunningham Park
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www.friendsofcunninghampark.org



CUNNINGHAM PARK AUGUST 2023 SCHEDULE

Just 60's Concert August 1, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. (Rain Date: August 31)
Dance to classic 60's music!!

Shakespeare in the Park August 3, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. (Rain Date: August 8)
Kids and the Classics at 7:30p.m. The Comedy of Errors Separated in infancy, two pairs of twins are now in the same city, each unaware of the presence of their long-lost counterparts. Hilarity mounts as the look-alikes are repeatedly mistaken for each other.

Shakespeare in the Park August 17, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. (Rain Date: August 22)
Kids and the Classics at 7:30p.m. The Tragedy of Richard II. Richard is dangerously out of touch with his kingdom. He wastes money raises taxes to support his lavish lifestyle, plays favorites and care more about his vanity than the common good.

Movies Under the Stars	
Movie: The Mitchells vs. The Machines, PG	August 7, 2023
Movie: Soul, PG	August 14, 2023
Movie: Shang Chi & the Legend of the 10 Rings, PG 13	August 21, 2023
Movie: Jungle Cruise, PG 13	August 28, 2023



August 2023

Community Board 8, Queens



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 National Night Out Against Crime (see below)	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

“Everything good, everything magical, happens between the months of June and August.”

- Jenny Han