



December

COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Honorable Sandra Ung - 20th District
Honorable Linda Lee - 23rd District
Honorable James Gennaro - 24th District

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Honorable Donovan Richards

STAFF

DISTRICT MANAGER: Marie Adam-Ovide
Soleil Griffin, Community Assistant
Nettie Norris, Community Assistant

BOARD MEMBERS BY AREA

Area 1 – Kew Gardens Hills

Jennifer Martin – CHAIR, Heather Bennett-Idels, Joshua Glikman, Tobias Paris, Simon Pelman, Israel Peskowitz and Jacob Weinberg.

Area 2 – Briarwood

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

Area 3 – Hillcrest Estates & Jamaica Hill

Wendy Gennaro – CHAIR, Dilafriz Ahmed, Saaif Alam, Bhitihara-Martha Fulton, 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, Marva Dudley, Dilip Nath and Mohammed Tohin

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, Caitlin Marziliano, Alan Ong, Tamara Osherov, Amy Tse and Steven Villaran.

Area 7 – Jamaica Estates & Holliswood

Howard Fried – CHAIR, Edward Chung, Michael Hannibal, Nikolas Michael, David Mordukhaev, Jesse Rosenbaum, Aliyah Salim, Harbachan Singh, Martha Taylor and Mayer Waxman.

It's the Season of Giving!

Community Board Meeting Re-cap 183-02 Union Turnpike Fresh Meadows

The minutes of Wednesday, November 13, 2024, were unanimously approved by 30 members.

Chairperson's Report:

On Friday, November 22, 2024, the entire CB8 staff will be going to a Department of Buildings training at Borough Hall. The office will be closed. If you need any assistance during that time, you can contact 311 for complaints or send an email to qn08@cb.nyc.gov. We will respond when the staff returns to the office.

Chief Kevin Williams, Commanding Officer of Patrol Borough Queens South

Crime is up 61 for the year, which is a 0.2% increase of the total overall crime. The most frequent crime in Patrol Borough South is auto theft. The 107th Precinct has a total of sixteen new officers for the year.

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Next Public Hearing/Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 11, 2024** Minutes of Board Meetings are available *usually* within two weeks on our website.
<https://www.nyc.gov/queenscb8>

A Word from Community Board 8 ...

Dear Community Board 8 Resident:

This holiday season, I want to remind every one to take precautions as they do their holiday shopping. Please stay alert at all times and heed the advice of our local precinct.

When you park your car consider the following:

- Please park your vehicle in well lighted areas.
- Do not keep your driver's license, registration, or car title in the car. Thieves can use these documents to sell your car if stolen, or to impersonate you when they are stopped by the police. Owners who indiscriminately leave keys, registrations and other identifiable materials in their vehicles may return to their residence only to find that they have been a victim of a burglary.
- Close all windows and lock all the doors.
- Activate any anti-theft device you may have to protect your vehicle.
- Don't leave your pocketbook or wallet laying around, and keep it latched.
- Remove all packages and valuables such as Laptops, GPS Navigations, iPads, CDs, CD Players. Most importantly, do not leave them in the trunk.

If you find this information useful, please help spread the word by sharing it with your friends and neighbors. *It takes more than City Hall to make New York City great, it takes us all!*

Sincerely,

Chairperson Martha Taylor

District Manager Marie Adam-Ovide

Heat & Hot Water Regulations

[from NYC Housing Preservation and Development]

Building owners are legally required to provide heat and hot water to their tenants. Hot water must be provided 365 days per year at a constant minimum temperature of 120 degrees Fahrenheit. Heat must be provided between October 1st and May 31st, "Heat Season," under the following conditions:

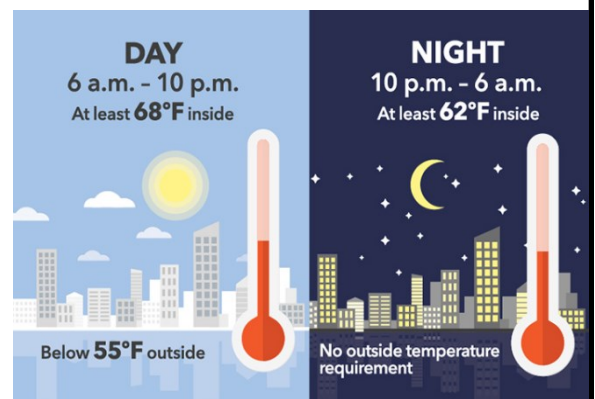
Day

Between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., if the outside temperature falls below 55 degrees, the inside temperature is required to be at least 68 degrees Fahrenheit.

Night

Between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., the inside temperature is required to be at least 62 degrees Fahrenheit.

If you are a tenant without heat or hot water, contact your landlord first. This is the easiest way to resolve housing quality issues. If your landlord is unresponsive, file a complaint by calling 311. You must include your apartment number with the complaint (*if applicable*).



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Captain Mo Tsang, 107th Precinct Commanding Officer

During the 28 day period, the 107th Precinct crime is down. The only crime that is up is grand larceny of a vehicle (GLA).

Shubhra Datta – representing Borough President Donovan Richards

The Community Board applications will be available soon on the QBP website. He then wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Honorable Nily Rozic, Assembly Member

She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Council Member Linda Lee, Martha Taylor and Assembly Member Nily Rozic put together a letter to the comptroller to end the contract for the Wyndham Garden Hotel. She also requested that resident’s sign-up for the newsletter.

Honorable Sam Berger, Assembly Member

He spoke in support of the Metropolitan Park project.

Public Hearing: Metropolitan Park

The presentation was given by Michael “Sully” Sullivan, Chief of Staff to Mets owner Steve Cohen. The project is in partnership with Hard Rock because of their live music. The design and development teams are based in New York City.

The project will consist of:

- 25 acres public park space
- Bars and restaurants
- Sportsbook
- 5,000 seat indoor live music venue
- Solar panels on structured parking
- Hotel towers
- Gaming facility
- Tailgate Park
- 100,000 sq ft of Conference spaces
- Public plaza
- Queens food hall and community space
- Community Athletic fields
- Playground
- Renovate the 7 train to be ADA accessible
- Bike paths

Zoning Committee Chairperson Hersh Parekh made the motion to approve ULURP N250046ZMQ & C250047MMQ Text Amendment. Chairperson Martha Taylor seconded the motion.

31 Yes 4 No 0 Abstention

Street co-naming for Jack “Giacomo” Virdone Way

Transportation Chair Jesse Rosenbaum presented the street co-naming request for Jack “Giacomo” Virdone Way. This will be located on the southwest corner of Manton Street and Queens Blvd. in Briarwood.

Transportation Chair Rosenbaum made a motion to approve the street co-naming for Jack “Giacomo” Virdone Way. Howard Fried seconded the motion. No one spoke in opposition.

32 Yes 0 No 0 Abstentions

Street co-naming for Brinckerhoff Memorial Way

Transportation Chair Rosenbaum introduced the second street co-naming for Brinckerhoff Memorial Way to be located on the northeast corner of 182nd Street & 73rd Avenue. Transportation Chair Rosenbaum made a motion to approve the street co-naming for Brinckerhoff Memorial Way to be located on the northeast corner of 182nd Street & 73rd Avenue. Seymour Schwartz seconded the motion. No one spoke in opposition.

32 Yes 0 No 0 Abstentions

Health Minute – by Dr. Penny Stern

I'd like to start by telling everyone that today is World Kindness Day, which is celebrated around the world on November 13th. First introduced in 1998 by the World Kindness Movement, World Kindness Day offers an opportunity to highlight good deeds in the community and the common thread of kindness.

On a more serious health note, November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month during which we make an effort to raise awareness of the leading cause of cancer death in both men and women in the US. More people die of lung cancer than of breast, prostate, and colon cancers combined. What does this mean in numbers? More than 228,000 people will be diagnosed with lung cancer this year and more than 140,000 will die.

It's important to let everyone know about lung cancer screening programs designed to detect the disease early, which helps promote survival. The estimate is that as many as 15,000 peoples' lives could be saved through screening and early detection. Everyone should be aware of symptoms that may suggest the presence of lung cancer – although people keep in mind that often symptoms do not appear until the disease is relatively advanced, which is why screening can be life-saving. Some symptoms may include a chronic cough – sometimes referred to as a 'smoker's cough' as well as shortness of breath, hoarseness, persistent bronchitis, bouts of pneumonia and even coughing up blood.

So, what can you do to help prevent lung cancer?

Here is what the Society of Thoracic Surgeons recommend:

- **Stop Smoking:** Cigarette smoking is the number one lung cancer risk factor and avoid second-hand smoke.
- **Be aware of air pollution:** The more dangerous chemicals you breathe in, the higher the lung cancer risk.
- **Exercise:** Daily exercise and breathing exercises are ways to exercise your lungs.
- **Keep you with your medical checkups on a regular basis.**

And, if you are at risk for lung cancer, ask your doctor about being screened.

DDC Project#: HWTRGX1

Trench Restoration - 186th Street (73rd Avenue to 75th Avenue)

Mobilization to 186th between 73rd Avenue and 75th Avenue is scheduled to begin on **Thursday, December 5, 2024**. Before work begins, the Department of Design and Construction (DDC) will have to conduct a Test Water Shutdown, which is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 3, 2024**. As always, advance notification will be given to the affected residents. The limits will be:

186th Street between 73rd and 75th Ave

75th Avenue between 186th and 188th Street

73rd Avenue between 186th and 184th Street

For more information, you may contact:

Christopher Taylor, Community Construction Liaison (CCL)

Trench Restoration In Queens and The Bronx

Project # HWTRQX1

NYC Department of Design & Construction

Office: 631-593-2601





FREE

RECYCLE YOUR E-WASTE

Sunday 12/08/24 10am – 2pm Rain or Shine

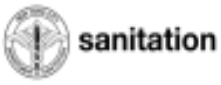
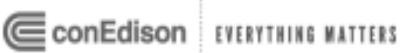
Avoid a fine: It's now illegal to discard electronics in the trash !

DROP OFF SITE: Cunningham Park – Parking Lot #1
Union Turnpike & 196th Place
Fresh Meadows

WE ACCEPT: Working & non-working
computers, monitors, printers/scanners, keyboards,
mice, cables, TVs, VCRs & DVD players, phones,
audio/visual equipment, cell phones & PDA's

Hosted by **Lower East Side Ecology Center**
Co-hosted by Council Member Linda Lee
In Cooperation with NYS Senators John C. Liu & Toby Stavisky
Assemblymembers Nily Rozic & David Weprin
Congresswoman Grace Meng
For more information:
lesecologycenter.org or 212.477.4022

The electronic waste collection program is made possible by:





**NHS OF QUEENS ASSISTS YOU
IN APPLYING
FOR (HEAP) AND EMPOWER+**

For Tenants and Homeowners

**Intake
Dates** November 20, 2024
December 18, 2024
11:00 AM - 6:30 PM

For assistance with the application or more information, please
call at 718 457-1017 or email tmontesdeoca@nhsoqueens.org

SANITATION REGULATIONS

Please be reminded that property owners must clean sidewalks (including areas like tree pits, grass strips, etc.) and gutter areas (**18 inches from the curb into the street**) along the building perimeter.

If you fail to keep the sidewalks and gutters near your property clean and unobstructed, you may be fined up to \$100.

Our office has been getting complaints about clogged catch basins in our community. This is in part due to the failure of homeowners to remove the leaves from their property, sidewalks and eighteen inches into the street.

When it rains these leaves end up in the catch basins that become clogged and may exacerbate flooding/ponding issues. If you observe this condition, please file a complaint with 311. You may also call Community Board 8 with an exact address and we will file the complaint on your behalf.



CANNABIS/LIQUOR LICENSE NOTIFICATION (S)



Kissena Pizza Inc.
d/b/a Valentino's Pizza
71-14 Kissena Blvd. in Flushing
Renewal - Wine, Beer and Cider License

Pho Factory LLC
61-09 Utopia Parkway in Fresh Meadows
NEW- Full Liquor License & Temporary Retail Permit

Cajun Seafood Hillside Inc
d/b/a Aloha Krab Cajun Seafood & Bar
61-09 Utopia Parkway in Fresh Meadows
NEW- Full Liquor License & Temporary Retail Permit

*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.



- Immaculate Conception ...Mon., December 9th
- **Christmas Day*.....Wed., December 25th**

*(Parking meters are still in effect.
* Except during major holidays)*

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE (S)



- 139-20 73rd Terrace – Excavation
- 185-23 Union Turnpike – Excavation
- 186-28 Midland Parkway – Excavation
- 76-17 162nd Street – Excavation

CANNABIS/LIQUOR LICENSE

Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

7:30 p.m.

Please submit written testimony in support or against any new applications by the end of the day on Monday, December 16, 2024.

If you have complaints about illegal cannabis shops, please contact the Office of Cannabis Management at:

<https://cannabis.ny.gov/report-an-incident> or call 1-888-OCM-5151 (1-888-626-5151).



December 2024

Community Board 8, Queens



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 Executive Cmte. Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Board Meeting Public Hearing 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike	12	13	14
15	16	17 Liquor License Cmte. Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 We're Closed 	26 	27	28
<i>Happy Hanukkah!</i>  (December 25th through January 2nd)						
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"Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting."

– Elizabeth Bibesco