



November

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

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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 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, 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, Mohammed Tohin and Mayer Waxman.

Let's Be Grateful & Remember To Vote!

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

Chairperson's Report

Due to Local Law 12, all agencies have been asked to submit a 5-year Accessible Plan. This plan will include steps that will be taken to ensure that agencies' workplace, services, programs and activities are accessible to, and accommodating and inclusive for persons with disabilities. Once our CB8 plan is done, it will be posted on our website. Members of the public will be able to contact us with comments.

Reminder – Community Board 8 Members should make every effort to attend the meetings that they have been assigned to.

Update on the sunshine fund. We had \$42 in the Sunshine Fund. CB8 Member Elke Maerz who manages the fund reported that we collected \$395 last month. We now have a total of \$437. Thank you for your generosity. If you have not donated and wish to do so, please see Elke Maerz after the meeting.

Next Public Hearing/Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 13, 2024 Minutes of Board Meetings are available *usually* within two weeks on our website.
<https://www.nyc.gov/queenscb8>

Welcome to DOB in Your Community District!



Friday, November 15, 2024

Community Board 8 Office

197-15 Hillside Avenue

Hollis

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Did you receive an ECB or DOB Violation against your property?
Are you at a loss as to how to submit a Certificate of Corrections ?

We are here to help!

Community Board 8 Queens in partnership with the
Department of Buildings will host DOB in Your Community District to assist you in
resolving open summonses.

You **must** contact us ASAP to register, as space is limited.

Community Board 8, Queens **718-264-7895**

Chairperson Martha Taylor

District Manager Marie Adam-Ovide

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Shubhra Datta - representing Borough President Donovan Richards

He stated, as we are in the final quarter of 2024 and approaching the new community board appointment cycle for 2025. Our office wants to remind the board to be diligent on attendance and applying for reappointment. As we get closer to 2025, we will provide more information to the board, general public and all those interested in the application process. He acknowledged the Community Boards and the local civic organizations for their assistance and support in helping us ID overgrown medians in need of maintenance and sanitation services. The Borough President held a press conference in August, urging Parks, Transportation, and Sanitation to get together and address these overgrown and trash-strewn medians across Queens. The QBP's office submitted over 205 locations to the city agencies to address the neglected medians throughout the borough. Since then, the city has made efforts by addressing several sites but there is plenty of work to be done.

He announced many events scheduled for October sponsored by Borough President Donovan Richards *[for event information call Borough Hall at (718) 286-3000]*.

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Captain Mo Tsang - 107th Police Precinct Commander

There was a shooting on Friday, October 4, 2024 at Parsons Boulevard in Flushing. A warrant has been issued for the suspect. There is an uptick in car thefts. Most of the thieves are coming from other boroughs into our command and stealing cars.

He announced the Trunk or Treat Event to be held on October 26th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Cunningham Park, the upper lot.

NYC Public Advocate Jumaane Williams

He introduced himself and stated he was happy to be able to attend our meeting. He spoke briefly on how crime is going down in the city. He also mentioned that he will be walking in the Halloween Parade on October 31, 2024.

The "City of Yes" – He stated that it was a very complex issue. He will attend one of the City Council's public hearings to give his input. The City of Yes proposal that was presented by the mayor will not be the final one. There will be changes made. When asked about the migrant crisis causing the need for housing and The City of Yes, he stated that the city had over 65,000 homeless New Yorkers prior to a single migrant coming to our city. The administration found funding in the budget to pay to house the migrants while they wouldn't use these same funds to help our own homeless New Yorkers.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact his office at: **(212) 669-7250** or email **Gethelp@advocate.nyc.gov**

The Honorable James F. Gennaro

He spoke about the proposed 50-story buildings going up at 71-12 Park Avenue. It is expected to have 850 units and an underground garage featuring 60 parking spaces. Although, the work hasn't been approved at this site, work is going on. He, along with the community, is not happy with this project. He is in contact with the Department of Buildings as this is unacceptable. He is also in contact with Jimmy [James] Oddo, Buildings Commissioner. Mr. Oddo will gather all the information and get back to him.

Anthony Whitaker, Assistant Director of Community Affairs at Sanitation

Businesses must currently containerize their garbage. The fines for not doing so or for putting garbage out early are: \$50 for the first offense, \$300 for the second and \$500 for the third. If you see this violation happening, file a 311 complaint and/or reach out to the community board. Enforcement will go out.

Residential Containerization - Starting **November 12, 2024** all residents of single-family homes, two family homes and residential buildings with up to 9 units will be required to containerize their trash. The department will remove your garbage from the curb only if it is in a bin with a secured lid. Whatever trash bin you are currently using is fine as long as it is no bigger than 55 gallons and has a lid that fits securely on top. There is a warning period from November 12, 2024 to January 1, 2025. Starting on January 2, 2025 you may receive a summons for failure to use a container with a secured lid to put out your trash.

The **NYC Trash Cans** are available for purchase now; however, you are not required to have those yet. If you do, great. Nevertheless, you will be **required** to have them by June 2026.

Health Minute – by *Dr. Penny Stern*

(The following information comes from the Health.gov website.)

Health Literacy Month. This has been recognized for the past 25 years. What is health literacy exactly? It's been defined in 2 ways: personal health literacy and organizational health literacy. According to Healthy People 2030, personal health literacy means the degree to which individuals have the ability to find, understand, and use information and services to inform health-related decisions for themselves and for others while organization health literacy is the degree to which organizations equitably enable individuals to find, understand, and use information and services to make health-related decisions and actions for themselves and others. When people have limited personal health literacy, they are at greater risk for misunderstanding important information that is vital to their health. They may also have trouble navigating our complex health system. Similarly, living in communities served by organizations that lack organization health literacy can affect the quality of health care people receive and, therefore, their outcomes. A national action plan has been put into place to improve health literacy.

Then, we have National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, when we try to raise awareness of the importance of early diagnosis of this very prevalent disease. Encouraging people to be screened via mammography is a key component in this awareness initiative.

October is also National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Everyone needs to be educated about domestic violence, also known as intimate partner violence and its destructive power on individuals, families, and the community as a whole.

We've just recognized National Youth Sports Week when we celebrate the positive and physical and mental impact of sports participation for young people while striving to ensure that all young people will have the opportunity, motivation and access to play sports.

October is also Eye Injury Prevention Month, and Mental Health Awareness Month, National Check your Meds Day on October 21. The list goes on and on so please take a few minutes to see what observances are set for this month.

Public Hearing

Hillcrest Jewish Center

183-02 Union Turnpike

7:30 p.m.

Street Co-naming - Jack "Giacomo" Virdone Way – Southwest corner of Manton Street and Queens Blvd. in Briarwood.

Street Co-naming - Brinckerhoff Memorial Way – Northeast corner of 182nd Street and 73rd Avenue in Fresh Meadows.

ULURP N250046ZMQ & C250047MMQ Text Amendment - A city map amendment (MM) and a zoning map amendment (ZM) on city-owned property to facilitate a new 3.7 million gsf mixed-use development including a gaming facility, music hall, hotel, convention space, parking and other amenities in Flushing Meadows Corona Park, Queens. The development site is within Joint Interest Area 81 and has been referred to Queens Community Districts adjacent to the site including 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9.

Do you operate a mobile car wash in New York City?

Here are some important DOs & DON'Ts



DO

✓ Have a valid Car Wash license

You must have a Car Wash license from the NYC Department of Consumer and Worker Protection (DCWP) if you engage in car wash activity (washing, detailing, drying, polishing, vacuuming, or other cosmetic care of vehicles).

The penalty for operating an unlicensed mobile car wash is \$100 per day. For more information about car wash penalties, visit nyc.gov/DCWPPenalties and see 6 RCNY section 6-67.

Exception: You do not need a Car Wash license if you operate a self-service facility, wash vehicles intermittently to raise funds for a nonprofit, or wash vehicles only as an ancillary service to a main service—for example, repair shop, car dealership, leasing agent—and do not offer car washing directly to the public.

✓ Obey all federal, state, and City laws and regulations

City laws and regulations include those enforced by DCWP, the NYC Departments of Environmental Protection (DEP), Transportation (DOT), Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), and the New York Police Department (NYPD).

Questions?

- For more information, visit nyc.gov/BusinessToolbox
- For questions about the law, contact DCWP's Business Compliance Counsel at BCC@dcwp.nyc.gov.
- For licensing questions, call **311** and ask to be transferred to DCWP with a question about the Car Wash license.



DON'T

✗ Operate on private property without the permission of property owners

✗ Operate in the street, on highways, or in municipal parking facilities

✗ Park illegally or wash cars that are parked illegally

✗ Obstruct traffic in any way or violate other traffic laws

For more information, visit nyc.gov/DOT and search "NYC Traffic Rules."

✗ Use public hydrants or other water sources without proper authorizations, licenses, or permits

Queens Public Library - Hollis Branch News

Please be advised the **Queens Public Library at Hollis**, located at 202-05 Hillside Avenue, Hollis, NY 11423, **closed on Monday, September 30, 2024**, for an interior renovation.

The comprehensive interior renovation of the library will create a more inviting entrance, a designated teen area, enhanced reading spaces for children and adults, and a multi-purpose room. In addition, it will include ADA accessibility improvements, new floor, wall, and ceiling finishes, new furniture, shelving, millwork, computers, and equipment, and upgrades to all building systems.

Mayor Eric Adams, Deputy Mayor Meera Joshi, Borough President Donovan Richards, Council Member Linda Lee, QPL CEO and Director Dennis Walcott, DDC Commissioner Tom Foley, representatives of other elected officials attended the Groundbreaking Event on October 18, 2024 along with Community Board 8 Chairperson Martha Taylor and District Manager Marie Adam-Ovide.



We look forward to the Hollis Library's reopening in Fall 2026. In the interim, there is a **Mobile Library Service** outside the library on **Wednesdays**, which started on **October 2, 2024**, from **10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

Some nearby locations for full service are:

Queens Public Library at Queens Village, 94-11 217 Street. Tel.: 718-776-6800,
Queens Public Library at South Hollis, 204-01 Hollis Avenue. Tel.: 718-465-6779,
Queens Public Library at Windsor Park, 79-50 Bell Boulevard. Tel.: 718-468-8300, and
Queens Public Library at Hillcrest, 187-05 Union Turnpike. Tel.: 718-454-2786.

We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience and understanding during this closure.

NYPD **BUILD THE BLOCK MEETING - SECTOR B** **Thursday, November 7, 2024**

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Where: Community Board 8 Office 197-15 Hillside Avenue in Hollis

Neighborhood Coordinating Officers: Officer Brandon Andre & Officer Sean Brewer

CANNABIS/LIQUOR LICENSE NOTIFICATION (S)



Jaosub, Inc.
d/b/a Sup Thai Kitchen
178-19 Union Turnpike - Fresh Meadows
Renewal - Wine, Beer and Cider License

FNKG Corp.
d/b/a Mela's Café & Restaurant
71-02 Kissena Blvd. in Flushing
Renewal - 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.



- All Saints DayFri., November 1st
 - DiwaliFri., November 1st
- Election DayTues., November, 5th
- Veteran's Day.....Mon., November 11th
- **Thanksgiving Day*.....Thurs., November 28th**

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

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE (S)



- 69-86 182nd Street – *Excavation*
- 188-17 Palo Alto Avenue – *Partial Demolition*



City of New York
Parks & Recreation

Cunningham Park News

Construction of the Cunningham Garage will commence on November 4, 2024. A portion of Parking Lot#2 (Upper Parking Lot) will be used to store supplies while work is underway. That area will be fenced off and take a small portion of the lot. It is anticipated that the work will last for about two (2) years. Thank you in advance for your understanding and patience while this work is being done.



November 2024

Community Board 8, Queens

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					 1 All Saints' Day	 2 ALL SOULS DAY
 3 Fall Back Change Your Clocks Back One Hour	4	 5 We're Closed	 6 Executive Cmte. Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office	 7 NYPD NCO - Sector B Meeting 6 p.m. CB8 Office	8	9
10	 11 Remember Our VETERANS We're Closed	12	 13 Board Meeting Public Hearing 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike	14	 15 DOB in Your Community District 10 - 4 p.m. CB8 Office	16
17	18	 19 Liquor License Cmte. Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office	20	21	22	23
24	 25 Human Services Cmte. Meeting 7:00 p.m. CB8 Office	26	27	 28 HAPPY THANKSGIVING We're Closed	29	30

"I did everything Fred did, only backwards and in high heels."

– Ginger Rodgers