



April

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: Bhithara- Martha Fulton
TREASURER: Harbachan Singh
BUDGET DIRECTOR: Marc A. Haken

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
We welcome **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 Meitrov, Rabbi Shlomo Nisanov, **Tobias Paris***, Simon Pelman and Jacob Weinberg.

Area 2 – Briarwood

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

Area 3 – Hillcrest Estates & Jamaica Hills

Kevin Forrestal – CHAIR, Dilafroz Ahmed, Bhithara-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, 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, Marc A. Haken, Michael Hannibal, David Mordukhaev, Jesse Rosenbaum, Harbachan Singh, Martha Taylor, Mohammed Tohin and **Mayer Waxman***.

*We welcome our new Board Members!

April showers bring May flowers!

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

- The Minutes of the February 8, 2023, Board Meeting were unanimously approved by 26 members.
- Chairperson’s Report:

The new Community Assistant, Jay Wild was introduced.

The Borough President and District Attorney are hosting a Women’s Day event on March 23, 2023 at Queens College. Congratulations to Board Member Jennifer Martin who will be honored.

Community Board 8 has arranged for the special Passover collection, large bins will be distributed to 5 locations (see page 2). Chairperson Taylor thanked District Manager Marie Adam-Ovide for again securing the success of this event.

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Next Public Hearing/Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Minutes of Board Meetings are available *usually* within two weeks.

A Word from the District Manager

Dear Resident,

April showers bring May flowers! Unfortunately, they also bring flooding when catch basins are not cleaned.

The Department of Environmental Protection is required to clean every catch basin in New York City, at least once every three years. It must also inspect and clean catch basins when a complaint is filed. Homeowners on the other hand are required to clean their sidewalks and eighteen inches onto the street. Within those eighteen (18) inches, if there is a metal grate covering a catch basin, please do sweep it to remove leaves or debris. If inside the basin appears dirty or clogged, please contact us at Community Board 8 during business hours to file a complaint. Outside of business hours, please call 311. Do share the 311 reference number with us and we will follow up with the agency to ensure that the basin is cleaned. This should help prevent some of the flooding.

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-Oviedo

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.

Chometz Burning Stations & Sanitation Bin Locations in Community Board 8, Queens

Date: [Wednesday, April 5, 2023](#)

Time: Approximately 6 a.m. to approximately noon

- In front of the Young Israel of Holliswood located at 86-25 Francis Lewis Blvd
- In front of the Young Israel of Kew Gardens Hills located at 70-11 150th Street
- In front of the Young Israel of Jamaica Estates located at 83-10 188th Street
- In front of the Young Israel of Queens Valley located at 141-55 77th Avenue, near the parking lot
- In front of the Kehilat Sephardim located at 150-62 78th Road. **NEW!**



In addition, remember to place your garbage out [the night before](#) for the special collection.

Happy Pesach From Community Board 8, Queens

Guest Speaker:

Joseph Ottomanelli of NYC Department of Sanitation, Community Affairs:

Waste setout time for trash, recyclables and compost, weighing under 55 pounds, will change effective April 1, 2023. Non-compliant businesses and residents will receive written warnings until May 1, 2023. Businesses with lid closed waste containers can setout one hour before closing. Those setting out bagged garbage can do so after 8:00 p.m. Residents with lid closed waste containers can setout after 6 p.m. and those placing garbage in bags can setout at 8:00 p.m.

Building and Housing Committee Report - Kevin Forrestal, Area 3 Chair

On March 7, 2023, the committee drafted and approved a letter addressed to Governor Kathy Hochul. The letter addresses the goal to increase affordable housing by 3%. The requirements include that it must be built around the MTA subway system or the Long Island Railroad. There must be an increase annually of 3% of new available dwellings. For any township that fails to meet these guidelines, there will be consequences.

We spoke about our objection to the plan. It is a policy and should not be in a budget proposal. Both houses of the state legislature have rejected this plan almost totally. This fight is not over it can change, up until the budget is passed. The budget is scheduled to be passed by April 1, 2023. Board Members are asked to sign and send a copy to their state legislative representative. There will be two public information hearings regarding this matter, the first on March 21st and the second on March 28th.

Health Minute - Dr. Penny Stern, Health Committee Chair

March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. Colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer diagnosed in the US. According to the American Cancer Society, about 1 in 23 men and 1 in 24 women will develop this highly preventable disease at some point in their lives. Current estimates for the number of colorectal cancers that will be diagnosed in the US in 2023 are 106,970 new cases of colon cancer and 46,050 new cases of rectal cancer. These people will join more than 1.4 million colorectal cancer patients and survivors living today.

The key to preventing colorectal cancer is regular screening beginning at age 45 – however, if you are younger than 45 and are at higher risk because of a relative developing colorectal cancer, discuss with your doctor the appropriate age to start screening. For example, if your parent was diagnosed at age 50 with colorectal cancer, you will be advised to start screening at age 40, which is the age 10 years earlier than your relative was diagnosed.

Colorectal polyps and colorectal cancer don't always cause symptoms especially at first. That is why getting screened regularly for colorectal cancer is so important. So please, if you haven't had a screening colonoscopy, please make an appointment to do so.

Message from

Community Board 8's Transportation Committee

Chair Jesse Rosenbaum

Community Board 8's Transportation Committee recommends that all residents of our district provide feed back to the office regarding outdoor restaurants.

If there is an outdoor restaurant either on the sidewalk or on the street that has not been in use for more than 30 days, please call us at: **718 264-78-95** or send us an email at: **qn08@cb.nyc.gov** to report it.

This location will be declared abandoned. Our office will work with the NYC agencies to have it taken down and removed. We also ask that Civic Associations disseminate this information to their members, as well, who may not be on the Community Board 8 mailing and/or emailing list.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Flushing Spring Family Day

Saturday, April 8, 2023
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Kissena Corridor Park, Flushing, NY 11355
(at the corner of Colden Street and 45th Avenue)

Event Includes:

- Social Services & health insurance resources
- Hepatitis B screening
- Kids activities, music, and performances
- Exercise sessions for seniors & families
- Anti-Hate Safety Resources

Hosted by :



**CHARLES B. WANG
COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER**



Co-Sponsored by :



**Assemblywoman
Nily Rozic**
州眾議員李羅莎

Participants:



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SERVICES OF METROPOLITAN
NEW YORK, INC.
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Lithium-Ion Batteries SAFETY TIPS



#FDNYSmart Safety Tips for Devices with Lithium-Ion Batteries

Lithium-ion batteries are used in various devices. These batteries are commonly used in cell phones, laptops, tablets, electric cars, and scooters. Lithium-ion batteries store a large amount of energy and can pose a threat if not treated properly. Like any product, a small number of these batteries are defective. They can overheat, catch fire, or explode.

Be #FDNYSmart if using any devices powered by lithium-ion batteries:

-  When purchasing devices, be sure that the equipment has the Underwriters Laboratories Mark. The UL mark shows that the product has been safety tested.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for charging and storage.
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or a couch.
- Always use the manufacturer's cord and power adapter made specifically for the device.
- Keep batteries/devices at room temperature. Do not place in direct sunlight.
- Store batteries away from anything flammable.
- If a battery overheats or you notice an odor, change in shape/color, leaking, or odd noises from a device discontinue use immediately. If safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire and call 9-1-1.

Battery Disposal:

- Putting lithium-ion batteries in the trash or recycling at home is illegal.
- Recycle batteries by taking them to a battery recycling location or visiting nyc.gov/batteries for disposal instructions is always the best option.
- Individually bag batteries or tape ends before disposing.



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Did you know?



Waste Setout Times Will Change on April 1, 2023

The City of New York is taking steps to reduce the piles of bags on the curb by changing the waste setout times. New rules for setting out trash, recycling, and curbside composting go into effect on April 1, 2023. See the changes here: <http://nyc.gov/SetoutTimes>.

Waste Setout Times Change April 1

Send Rats Packing!



Learn more at nyc.gov/SetoutTimes



Residents

Residential buildings of any size (single-family and multi-unit) have two options:

- Place waste out after 6:00 PM in a container of 55 gallons or less with a secure lid, or
- Place waste out after 8:00 PM, if putting bags directly on the curb
- To ensure collection, all waste must be set out by midnight.

Businesses

Businesses that place waste at the curb* for collection have two options:

- If using a container with a secure lid, place waste at the curb 1 hour before closing, or
- If putting bags directly on the curb, place waste out after 8:00 PM

* This does not apply to businesses that have waste collected from a loading dock.

Remember, containers must be removed from the curb by the time your business reopens.

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTIFICATION (S)

- Cuzco Peru BBQ Chicken, Inc.
138-13 Queens Boulevard in Jamaica
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.*



NO DEMOLITION NOTICE (S) RECEIVED



CITY PARKING RULES

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



- Passover April 6th - 7th
- Holy Thursday April 6th
- Good Friday April 7th
- Passover (7th/8th days) April 12th - 13th
- Holy Thursday (Orthodox)April 13th
- Good Friday (Orthodox)April 14th
- Idul-Fitr (Eid Al-Fitr)..... April 21st - 23rd

Parking meters are still in effect.

PUBLIC HEARING

Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike Fresh Meadows

BSA Cal. No. #295-57-BZ – BBL 4-6672-80 aka 146-15 Union Turnpike. Application to extend the terms of a variance that expired on August 7, 2021 for an additional 10 years to permit the operation of a gas station.

For speaking time, please contact our office at 718 264-7895 during normal business hours (*Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.*) and/or no later than 4 p.m. on the date of the hearing.

Department of Design and Construction Project

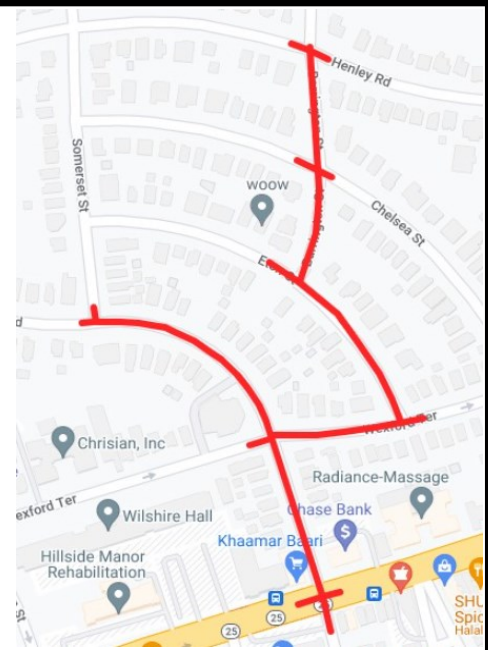
DDC Project # **SEQ200558**

This project is coming to the areas shown on the map. It includes the installation of storm sewers, replacement of sanitary sewers and distribution water main **Start date TBA.**

Gina Modoo, Community Construction Liaison (CCL):

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- Office Address: 75-26 194th Street
Fresh Meadows, NY

Stay tuned...





April 2023

Community Board 8, Queens

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						
2	3	4	Passover 5 	6 <i>Holy Thursday</i> 	Good Friday 7 	8
9 	10	11	12	Passover 13 Ends 	14	15
16	17	18	19 Board Meeting Public Hearing 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike	20	21  Eid-al-Fitr	22  Earth day
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30  INTERNATIONAL JAZZ DAY						

"Why fit in when you were born to STAND OUT!" – Dr. Seuss