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COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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Honorable Donovan Richards

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

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Area 7 – Jamaica Estates & Holliswood

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Happy New Year!

November’s Community Board 8 Public Hearing/Meeting (recap) 183-02 Union Turnpike Fresh Meadows

The minutes of Wednesday, November 15, 2023, were unanimously approved by 32 members.

Chairperson’s Report:

Chairperson Martha Taylor reminded everyone that the list of future meeting dates was included in the packets that were emailed to all. The Executive Committee voted to send a letter of support to rename the Amphitheatre at Cunningham Park in honor of former CB8 member Sylvia Weprin.

Chairperson Martha Taylor acknowledged Steve Konigsberg’s birthday and offered her good wishes. She wished everyone Happy Holidays!

Next Public Hearing/Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 2024

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

<https://www.nyc.gov/queenscb8>

A Word from CB8...

Dear Resident,

Happy New Year! In this month's Newsletter, we have listed the dates of the monthly Community Board 8 meetings for 2024 (see page 5). Please save these dates. We welcome your attendance and participation at our monthly meetings.

Remember, you are our eyes and ears in the community. Please send us your issues and concerns so we can continue to work to improve the quality of life in our community district.

Let's make 2024, the best year yet!

Sincerely,

Martha Taylor

Chairperson

Marie Adam-Ovide

District Manager

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!**

SAVE THE DATE!

Community Board 8Q's Public Hearing On The MTA's Queens Bus Redesign.



**Wednesday, February 21, 2024
7:30 p.m.**

**Hillcrest Jewish Center
183-02 Union Turnpike (Auditorium)
Fresh Meadows**

We will review MTA proposals for the Queens Bus Redesign specifically affecting CB8. You will have the opportunity to speak on the proposed changes.

Please call us to sign up for speaking time at
(718) 264-7895.

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Shubhra Datta – representing Borough President Donovan Richards

Queens Borough President Donovan Richards is hosting a Public Safety Town Hall with United Sikhs. The event will be held on Sunday, December 17th at 3:00 p.m. – It will be held at: 95-30 118th St. South Richmond Hill, NY. All are welcome. Please RSVP at queensbp.org/rsvp.

Guest speakers included representatives from NYPD Patrol Borough Queens North and Queens South, the Queens District Attorney’s Office and the Mayor’s Office for the Prevention of Hate Crimes. This meeting will serve as a safe space for residents to share their concerns and experiences.

He will also be hosting a Kwanzaa celebration on December 27th at 6:00 p.m. at Queens Borough Hall. Please go online or call to RSVP.

Guest Speakers:

Captain Mo Tsang, 107th Precinct

He was introduced as the new Commanding Officer of the 107th Precinct. He greeted the community and was welcomed by all.

Deputy Inspector Kevin Chan, 107th Precinct

He stopped by to say his farewell. He stated it was his honor to have worked and serving our community for many years. He promised we’d be in good hands with Commanding Officer Mo Tsang.

The members congratulated him on his promotion.

Public Hearing: N240010ZRY & N240011ZRY

Steve Konigsberg, Zoning Committee Chair - He invited Chante Lee, DCP Borough Planner, and Matt Waskiewicz, Head of Planning, to give the presentation on the City of Yes for Economic Development Proposal.

Ms. Lee opened up with a brief synopsis of the reasons for the proposed changes. Mr. Waskiewicz showed a Powerpoint presentation. Here are the four main goals the proposal seeks to achieve.

Goal 1 - Make it easier for businesses to find space and grow

Goal 2 - Boost growing industries

Goal 3 - Enable more business-friendly streetscapes

Goal 4 - Create new opportunities for businesses to open

After a lengthy discussion, Community Board 8 members unanimously voted NO on this proposal.

0 Yes 32 No 0 Abstention

Committee Reports:

Tobias Paris, CB8 Member, read a resolution - Commitment to Combat Antisemitism and Violent Civic Disobedience. This resolution was presented following the student riot that occurred at Hillcrest High School in response to a teacher’s pro Israel stance. The members voted overwhelmingly to support it.

30 Yes 0 No 1 Abstention

DSS-HRA-DHS

Annual Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE) Survey

A message from

Dongfang Zhao, Borough Relations Director

On the night of Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024, DSS-HRA-DHS will conduct its annual Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE) Survey, a point-in-time survey undertaken each winter that helps the City estimate the number of unsheltered New Yorkers living on the street. The results gathered through this survey provide the City with valuable information that helps determine how to allocate resources to best serve New Yorkers in need with care and compassion. A lot of volunteers have signed up so far, but we still need more help to ensure that HOPE 2024 is a success.

On the night of HOPE, volunteers help out by canvassing streets, parks, subways, and other public spaces. Volunteers are needed from approximately 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. on the night of January 23rd. Just a few hours of your time will help us in our ongoing efforts to support New Yorkers experiencing unsheltered homelessness and encourage them to take that first important step to come off the streets and subways and accept the vital services and support they need and deserve. Through DSS' 24/7/365 outreach efforts, we have referred more than 8,500 New Yorkers experiencing unsheltered homelessness to transitional and/or permanent housing in FY22 alone. Your participation in HOPE will help us build on that progress.

The safety of everyone involved in HOPE is our highest priority. Facilities will be set up to promote social distancing, and masks and other PPE will be provided. Volunteers always go out in teams of 3-4 people, but we also encourage you to sign up to volunteer with friends and family if possible. Training for HOPE volunteers will be conducted virtually before HOPE, and volunteers will be dismissed remotely after canvassing.

Please visit nyc.gov/hope to learn more and to register. Your participation is essential to helping us address the challenge of homelessness and support some of our City's most vulnerable residents as they get back on their feet.

Community Board 8

Meeting Schedule for 2024

The Community Board 8's monthly meetings are usually held on the 2nd Wednesdays of the month at 7:30 p.m. sharp, unless the date falls on a religious or on a major holiday. The meetings are usually held in the auditorium of the Hillcrest Jewish Center located at **183-02 Union Turnpike** in Fresh Meadows.

Our meetings are open to the public. Anyone who wishes to speak may do so during the **Public Hearing** and/or **Public Participation** part of the meeting, provided that he/she signed up for speaking time (*preferably by calling the Community Board at 718-264-7895 no later than 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting*). The speaker will be granted up to three (3) minutes of speaking time. If you are not present when your name is called, you will not be allowed to speak.

January 10th	February 21st <i>(3rd Wednesday)</i>	March 13th	April 10th
May 8th	June 26th <i>(4th Wednesday)</i>	July No meeting	August No meeting
September 11th	October 23rd <i>(4th Wednesday)</i>	November 13th	December 11th

Protect Your Water Meter and Pipes from Freezing



Most water meters and pipes are in basements, crawl spaces, and other unheated areas, where cold winter temperatures could cause them to freeze. Homeowners are responsible for protecting meters and pipes from freezing:

- If the meter freezes and breaks because you failed to take reasonable steps to protect it, DEP will repair or replace the meter and bill you for the cost.
- If the service line or piping freezes and breaks, it is the homeowner's responsibility to have repairs made by a licensed plumber.

Here are some tips and suggestions to prevent freezing

- Repair broken and cracked windows, doors, and walls.
- Install storm windows on basement windows.
- Tightly close doors and windows to the outside.
- Insulate outside walls.
- Eliminate drafts from crawl spaces.
- When you are checking to see how cold the area is where your meter and pipes are installed, remember that it is colder near the floors and foundation walls.
- Turn off the water to outside faucets, remove hoses, and drain the pipes.
- Ask your local plumbing supplier about materials to insulate pipes and meters. If your meter is installed in an unheated garage, take extra care to ensure the meter is insulated.
- If pipes or the meter are in a closed cabinet against an outside wall, insulate the wall and open the cabinet to allow warmer air to reach them.
- If you are not going to be home for several days during cold weather, arrange to have someone visit periodically and turn on a faucet to ensure that the water is still flowing.

If your service line, pipes, or meters freeze

- Open a faucet near the frozen point to release vapor from melting ice;
- Direct a hair dryer or heat lamp at the frozen section, or put a small space heater nearby; and,
- NEVER thaw a frozen pipe or meter with an open flame. This is not only a fire hazard, but could also cause a steam explosion.
- If you are unable to thaw the frozen pipes, consult a **licensed** plumber.
- If your meter is damaged by the cold, contact **311**.



Alternate Side Parking Rules

2024 Suspension Calendar

New Year's Day*	Jan 1, Mon
Three Kings' Day	Jan 6, Sat
Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday	Jan 15, Mon
Lunar New Year's Eve	Feb 9, Fri
Lunar New Year	Feb 10, Sat
Lincoln's Birthday	Feb 12, Mon
Ash Wednesday	Feb 14, Wed
Washington's Birthday (Pres. Day)	Feb 19, Mon
Purim	Mar 24, Sun
Holy Thursday	Mar 28, Thurs
Good Friday	Mar 29, Fri
Idul-Fitr (Eid Al-Fitr)	Apr 10-11, Wed-Thurs
Passover	Apr 23-24, Tue-Wed
Passover (7th/8th Days)	Apr 29-30, Mon-Tue
Holy Thursday (Orthodox)	May 2, Thurs
Good Friday (Orthodox)	May 3, Fri
Solemnity of the Ascension	May 9, Thurs
Memorial Day*	May 27, Mon
Shavuoth (2 Days)	June 12-13, Wed-Thurs
Idul-Adha (Eid Al-Adha)	June 17-18, Mon-Tue
Juneteenth	June 19, Wed
Independence Day*	July 4, Thurs
Tisha B'Av	Aug 13, Tue
Feast of the Assumption	Aug 15, Thurs
Labor Day*	Sept 2, Mon
Rosh Hashanah	Oct 3-4, Thurs-Fri
Yom Kippur	Oct 12, Sat
Columbus Day	Oct 14, Mon
Succoth (2 Days)	Oct 17-18, Thurs-Fri
Shemini Atzereth	Oct 24, Thurs
Simchas Torah	Oct 25, Fri
Diwali	Nov 1, Fri
All Saints' Day	Nov 1, Fri
Election Day	Nov 5, Tue
Veterans Day	Nov 11, Mon
Thanksgiving Day*	Nov 28, Thurs
Immaculate Conception	Dec 9, Mon
Christmas Day*	Dec 25, Wed

Information

Alternate Side Parking Regulations may be suspended from time to time because of snow, inclement weather or other emergencies. Please visit our website at nyc.gov/dot or dial **311** for further information.

TTY Deaf or Hearing-Impaired, dial (212) 504-4115.

Did You Know?

What's in a name? Do you know the difference in the meaning of these parking signs?

	NO STOPPING	NO STANDING	NO PARKING
Can I stop to drop off or pick up passengers?	No	Yes	Yes
Can I stop to load or unload a package, or merchandise at curbside?	No	No	Yes
Is waiting allowed?	No	No	No

All of NYC was designated a Tow Away Zone under the State's Vehicle & Traffic law in 1959. This means that any vehicle parked or operated illegally, or with missing or expired registration or inspection stickers may be towed.

On **MAJOR LEGAL HOLIDAYS**, stopping, standing and parking are permitted **except** in areas where stopping, standing and parking rules are in effect seven days a week (for example, "No Standing Anytime"). Accordingly, parking meters will not be in effect on major legal holidays.

Double-parking of passenger vehicles is illegal at all times, including street cleaning days, regardless of location, purpose or duration.

It is illegal to park within 15 feet of either side of a fire hydrant. Painted curbs at hydrant locations **DO NOT** indicate where you can park.

An occupied, illegally parked vehicle causes the same safety hazard and congestion as an unoccupied vehicle. Be responsible and park legally.

*Major Legal Holiday



Translated versions of this document are available by contacting 311 or by going to nyc.gov/dot or nyc.gov/dot/asprules





UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE (USPS)

The United States Postal Service has compiled many tips to help prevent us from being victims of scams.

- Cyber Crime
- Mail Fraud
- Financial Fraud
- Identity Theft
- Child Safety
- Mail and Package Theft
- Suspicious Mail

This valuable information can be found at:

<https://www.uspis.gov/tips-prevention>

If you have witnessed or have fallen victim to a crime, take action and report it:

<https://www.uspis.gov/report>

NYPD BUILD THE BLOCK MEETINGS

NYPD 107th Precinct holds Build the Block Meetings with Neighborhood Coordination Officers (NCOs) and the community periodically. To find out when a meeting is scheduled for your sector and/or which NCO is assigned to your area, please go to:

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/nypd/bureaus/patrol/find-your-meeting.page>

Just enter your street address and the information will be provided. We welcome your participation in making our neighborhoods safer. You may also call the 107th Precinct's Community Affairs' office to confirm the dates and times of the meetings at (718) 969-5973.

Community Board Membership

Become a member of the Board!

Every year the Queens Borough President appoints dedicated community members to serve on Community Boards for a two-year term which is renewable. Applications are usually available online on the first week of January with a mid-February deadline.

Find out more at:

<https://queensbp.org/communityboards/>

Briarwood



Queens Public Library at Briarwood, located at 85-12 Main Street, Queens, NY 11435, has recently reopened for public service on Tuesday, December 26, 2023.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during the brief closure.

Please visit <https://www.queenslibrary.org/about-us/locations> or call 718-990-0728 for assistance.



sanitation **No Trash, Curbside Composting, or Recycling Collection on New Year's Day, Monday, January 1, 2024**

The New York City Department of Sanitation announced that in observance of New Year's Day, Monday, January 1, 2024, there will be NO trash, curbside composting nor recycling collection on the holiday.

- Residents who normally receive **Monday trash, recycling or curbside compost** collection may place their material out at curbside Monday evening for collection beginning **Tuesday, January 2**.

Please note that residents may experience collection delays, as is common after holidays. We appreciate patience as we work to collect the backlog of material.

For questions about Sanitation services and holiday schedules contact 311 or visit nyc.gov/sanitation.

About the New York City Department of Sanitation

The Department of Sanitation (DSNY) keeps New York City clean, safe, and healthy by collecting, recycling, and disposing of waste, cleaning streets, attacking the scourge of illegal dumping, and clearing snow and ice. The Department operates 59 district garages and manages a fleet of more than 2,000 rear-loading collection trucks, 450 mechanical brooms, 705 salt spreaders, and several dozen bike lane operations machines. Under the Adams Administration, the Department is aggressively cleaning more parts of the City than ever before, including over 1,000 long-ignored areas spread across every neighborhood. With the highest wintertime uniformed headcount in 20 years, DSNY is more equipped than ever to remove snow and ice from the approximately 19,000 lane-miles of City streets.

IT'S TIME TO SAY FIR-WELL.

Dec. 26, 2023–Jan. 7, 2024

Wrap up the holiday season by saying goodbye to your tree at a Mulchfest site near you! Drop it off and we'll convert it into mulch to make NYC even greener.

Free bags of mulch will be available at select sites on Jan. 6 and 7 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.



Find your Mulchfest site at nyc.gov/mulchfest or by calling 311.

Please remember to remove all lights, ornaments, and netting before bringing a tree to a Mulchfest site.



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LIQUOR LICENSE NOTIFICATION (S)

- **Cinque Fratelli Inc.**
d/b/a *Acquista Trattoria*
178-01 Union Turnpike
Renewal - Full Liquor License

- **Café Premiata, Inc.**
72-08 Main Street
Renewal - Full Liquor License

- **Sean Kim Corp.**
d/b/a *Mira Sushi*
153-11 Union Turnpike
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.*

CANNABIS/LIQUOR LICENSE Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 16, 2024
7:30 p.m.



Community Board 8 Office
197-15 Hillside Avenue

CITY PARKING RULES

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



New Year's Day*.....Mon., Jan. 1st
Three Kings' DaySat., Jan. 6th
MLK's BirthdayMon., Jan., 15th

(Parking meters are still in effect.)

DEMOLITION/VACATE NOTICE



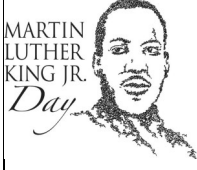


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January 2024

Community Board 8, Queens

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1  New Year's Day We're closed	2	3 Executive Cmte. Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office	4	5	6  Three Kings' Day
7	8	9 Parks Cmte. Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office	10 Board Meeting Public Hearing 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike	11	12	13
14	15  MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. Day We're closed	16 Liquor/Cannabis Cmte. Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

“Every year you make a resolution to change yourself. This year make a resolution to be yourself” – Unknown