



January

COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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Honorable Linda Lee - 23rd District
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Honorable Donovan Richards

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Area 1 – Kew Gardens Hills

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

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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

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Area 7 – Jamaica Estates & Holliswood

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Happy New Year! Happy New Year! Happy New Year!

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

The minutes of Wednesday, November 13, 2024 Community Board meeting were unanimously approved by 27 members.

Chairperson’s Report:

Announced that Mohammed Tohin, Board Member, has been appointed as the Committee Chair for the DEP/Sanitation Committee. He has been a CB8 member and a member of this committee for over 10 years.

On Monday, December 9th, I attended the Ribbon Cutting for the 210th Street Playground. The playground was beautifully renovated with a woodland theme. It warmed my heart that day to see a little boy enjoying the many amenities of the playground as we waited to start the event. I also took the opportunity to advocate for more funding from our elected representatives to have the restrooms renovated as well and become ADA compliant.

In your packets, you have the final meeting dates for the Executive and Board Meetings for 2025. Please add them to your calendars and make every effort to attend the monthly meetings. She wished everyone Happy Holidays!

Next Public Hearing/Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2024
Minutes of Board Meetings are available *usually* within two weeks on our website.

A Word from CB8...

Dear Resident,

If you are a homeowner, you will receive a Notice of Property Value (NOPV) from the Department of Finance.

This notice breaks down the estimate of your property taxes for the upcoming 2026 Fiscal Year that starts on July 1, 2025. This includes any exemptions that are or will be applied to the property such as: Senior Citizen's Homeowner's Exemption (SCHE), Disabled Homeowner's Exemption (DHE), School Tax Relief (STAR) and Enhanced STAR. Please review it and make sure that it is accurate.

If you notice any missing exemption (s) that you had previously or exemptions that you recently applied for but not received, please contact us for assistance. There is a limited time to make the corrections before you receive your property tax bill for the next fiscal year.

Wishing you a Happy Year!

Sincerely,

Marie Adam-Ovide

District Manager

Martha Taylor

Chairperson

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!**



NEWS!
NYC Fire Department
Bureau of Fire Prevention
Code Development Unit

Please be advised the Fire Department published its 2024 NYC Apartment Building Emergency Preparedness Guide in the City Record on December 19, 2024.

Apartment building owners are required to distribute the 2024 NYC Apartment Building Emergency Preparedness Guide, in accordance with 3 RCNY 401-06(c), by **March 28, 2025.**

December's Community Board 8 Public Hearing/Meeting (recap)

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Guest Speaker: Honorable James Gennaro, Council Member

He informed everyone that the New York City Council passed the “City of Yes” bill. This was not the outcome many had hoped for. He stated he voted no.

New York City is undoubtedly facing a housing crisis, and he agrees that we must find solutions to meet the growing demand. However, his first responsibility is to represent our voice. Over the past year, he heard from hundreds, if not thousands, of constituents who expressed serious concerns about how this bill would dramatically change the character of our communities.

He briefly discussed some of the changes that will occur. He thanked those who have contacted his office and made their voices heard throughout this process. His office has prepared a fact sheet containing the modifications that have the largest impact on District 24. For more information, please feel free to contact his office at (718) 217-4969 or at District24@council.nyc.gov.

Shubhra Datta – Representing Borough President Donovan Richards

The Community Board Application will open on January 7th, 2025. For those interested in applying, please follow up with our office when we make our formal announcement and launch the application link. The announcement will be made via our social media, official email newsletter and on our website.

The Borough President is hosting his ongoing coat and clothing drive to support families in need across Queens during the cold weather month. Assembly Members Jessica Gonzalez Rojas and Catalina Cruz is partnering with us. You can drop off donations at the following locations:

- Queens Borough Hall lobby – 120-55 Queens Boulevard, Kew Gardens, NY on weekdays bet. 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
- Assemblymember Rojas – 75-35 31st. Avenue – Suite 206B (2nd Fl.) East Elmhurst from Monday-Thursday bet. 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p. m.
- Assemblymember Cruz – 41-40 Junction Boulevard, Corona from Monday-Thursday bet. 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The annual Kwanzaa Celebration co-sponsored by the African American Heritage Committee is at Queens Borough Hall, December 30th at 5:00 p.m.. On Wednesday, January 15th, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. we are partnering with NYC Parks to host a “Vital Parks for All” forum. You must RSVP by emailing rsvp@parks.nyc.gov

Mr. Shubhra stated that the Holiday Season can be a tough time for some folks. Please be mindful of your neighbors and of your own mental health. It's OK to seek help! The mental health hotline in NYC is 988, which is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You may call or text 988 or chat online at 988lifeline.org. This is a free service and it is confidential. It is in multiple languages.

For any Borough Hall events, you can RSVP on our website at queensbp.nyc.gov

Public Hearing

BSA Application No. 99-00-BZ – 147-06 76th Avenue (AKA 76-01 147th Street, 147-02 & 147-10 76th Avenue) Queens, Block 6685 Lot 1. As of right enlargement of the first and second floors of the building. It is an amendment to a previously approved BSA variance. The proposal will not trigger any new bulk non-compliances.

Tobias Paris made a motion to approve the BSA Variance seconded by Jesse Rosenbaum.

Motion passed unanimous with no abstention

Committee Report:

Health Minutes with Dr. Penny Stern

December is a month of many celebrations but it is also National Impaired Driving Prevention Month. Impaired driving is a leading cause of traffic accident, injuries and deaths. In general, impaired driving is especially prevalent on holidays and on weekends. New Year’s Eve is the deadliest day of the year in terms of being on the road. Statistics indicate that driving under the influence spikes 129% over the average on New Year’s Eve. During December, you can expect more in the way of sobriety checkpoints and law enforcement efforts to identify those driving impaired. Alcohol and drugs are the elements most commonly associated with impairment at the wheel but fatigue and stress have also been found to play significant roles. If you plan on celebrating away from home, plan ahead.

- Be sure to have plans to get a safe way home, in terms of transportation.
- If alcohol is being consumed by you or by others who may need a ride, call for a taxi or consider public transportation.
- If you are not consuming alcohol, volunteer to be the designated driver for others.
- If you’re hosting a celebration that involves alcohol, check with your guests to make sure how they will be getting home.

Enjoy a happy and safe holiday season!



**JOIN THE
NYPD**

A new contract was ratified that has increased the base salary of a Police Officer to \$55,190. The salary after 5.5 years of service will be **\$117,510**. These do not include night differential or over-time pay!!!

Visit nypdrecruit.com to register today!
#nypd #nypdrecruit

UPCOMING EXAM FILING PERIODS

The graphic features three 3D blocks with the NYPD logo and exam details:

- Blue block:** POLICE COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN, NOVEMBER 6TH, 2024 TO FEBRUARY 28TH, 2025. A red banner across it says "EXTENDED".
- Dark blue block:** POLICE OFFICER, DECEMBER 10TH, 2024 TO MARCH 25TH, 2025.
- Yellow block:** SCHOOL SAFETY AGENT, JANUARY 6TH, 2025 TO APRIL 15TH, 2025.

Community Board 8

Meeting Schedule for 2025

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 **in-person** and 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 may be granted up to three (3) minutes of speaking time (at the discretion of the CB8 Chair). If you are not present when your name is called, you will not be allowed to speak.

January 15th	February 12th	March 19th	April 9th
May 14th	June 11th	July (no meeting)	August (no meeting)
September 10th	October 15th	November 12th	December 10th



Alternate Side Parking Rules

2025 Suspension Calendar

New Year's Day*	Jan 1, Wed
Three Kings' Day	Jan 6, Mon
Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday	Jan 20, Mon
Lunar New Year's Eve	Jan 28, Tue
Lunar New Year	Jan 29, Wed
Lincoln's Birthday	Feb 12, Wed
Washington's Birthday (Pres. Day)	Feb 17, Mon
Ash Wednesday	Mar 5, Wed
Purim	Mar 14, Fri
Idul-Fitr (Eid Al-Fitr)	Mar 31-Apr 1, Mon-Tue
Passover	Apr 13-14, Sun-Mon
Holy Thursday	Apr 17, Thurs
Holy Thursday (Orthodox)	Apr 17, Thurs
Good Friday	Apr 18, Fri
Good Friday (Orthodox)	Apr 18, Fri
Passover (7th/8th Days)	Apr 19-20, Sat-Sun
Memorial Day*	May 26, Mon
Solemnity of the Ascension	May 29, Thurs
Shavuoth (2 Days)	June 2-3, Mon-Tue
Idul-Adha (Eid Al-Adha)	June 6-7, Fri-Sat
Juneteenth	June 19, Thurs
Independence Day*	July 4, Fri
Tisha B'Av	Aug 3, Sun
Feast of the Assumption	Aug 15, Fri
Labor Day*	Sept 1, Mon
Rosh Hashanah	Sept 23-24, Tue-Wed
Yom Kippur	Oct 2, Thurs
Succoth (2 Days)	Oct 7-8, Tue-Wed
Columbus Day	Oct 13, Mon
Shemini Atzereth	Oct 14, Tue
Simchas Torah	Oct 15, Wed
Diwali	Oct 20, Mon
All Saints' Day	Nov 1, Sat
Election Day	Nov 4, Tue
Veterans Day	Nov 11, Tue
Thanksgiving Day*	Nov 27, Thurs
Immaculate Conception	Dec 8, Mon
Christmas Day*	Dec 25, Thurs

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





Grand Central Parkway

Traffic Pattern:

- The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) is advising motorists that there will be a change in the traffic pattern on eastbound Grand Central Parkway between **Exit 23** (Cross Island Parkway) and **Exit 24** (Little Neck Parkway) through approximately December 2025.
- Motorists will continue to have access to three eastbound travel lanes. The new traffic pattern will shift two eastbound traffic lanes to the left. The rightmost eastbound traffic lane on Grand Central Parkway (GCP) will be shifted right along the service road and rejoins the Grand Central Parkway (GCP) east of Cross Island Parkway (CIP) exit ramps. Motorists will continue to have access to all existing ramps connecting GCP to CIP.

Grand Central Parkway bet. Union Turnpike and Commonwealth Boulevard

- Single-lane Grand Central Parkway eastbound will be closed Monday to Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. next morning, Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 11p.m. to 7 a.m. next morning, and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 11p.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. Double-lane Grand Central Parkway eastbound will be closed Monday to Friday from 1 a.m. to 5 a.m., Saturday from 1 a.m. to 7 a.m., and Sunday from 2 a.m. to 9 a.m.. Single-lane Grand Central Parkway westbound will be closed Monday to Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. next morning, Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from 11p.m. to 6 a.m. next morning, and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 10 p.m. to 3.p.m. Sunday. Double-lane Grand Central Parkway westbound will be closed Monday to Friday from 1a.m. to 5 a.m., Saturday from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m., and Sunday from 2 a.m. to 9 a.m.. Single-lane in both directions on the Cross Island Parkway in the vicinity of the Grand Central Parkway interchange will be closed Monday to Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. next morning, Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 10 p.m. .to 6 a.m. next morning, and Saturday from 10 p.m. to 11a.m. next morning. Double-lane in both directions on the Cross Island Parkway in the vicinity of the Grand Central Parkway interchange will be closed Monday to Friday from 1 a.m. to 5 am., Saturday from 1am to 6am, and Sunday from 2 a.m. to 9 a.m. Single or double-lane closures on the Cross Island Parkway northbound exit ramp to Grand Central Parkway westbound and Cross Island Parkway southbound exit ramp to Grand Central Parkway eastbound will also occur during these times. These closures are necessary to facilitate bridge rehabilitation and will continue through December 21, 2025.

Van Wyck Expressway

- Single-lane in both directions will be closed Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday to Thursday from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., Friday from 11:59 p.m. to 8am, Saturday from 11 p.m. to 10 a.m., and Sunday from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.. Double-lane in both directions will be closed Monday to Thursday from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. and Sunday from 1 a.m. to 7 a.m.. Double-lane will be closed Friday from 11p.m. to 7 a.m. for northbound and from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. for southbound. The exit and entrance ramps along the north and southbound of the expressway may also be closed. These closures are necessary to facilitate roadway widening and will continue through July 14, 2025.

Mayor's Office of Contract Services

Starting December 30, 2024, contractors and subcontractors in New York City who are submitting bids or performing construction work on public projects must provide a copy of their Certificate of Registration from the New York State Department of Labor (DOL). This new mandate ensures compliance with the recently enacted New York State legislation, Section 220-I of the Labor Law.

How to Register:

- Compile all required materials for registration.
- Submit your application via the DOL's Contractor Registry portal.
- Acquire your Certificate of Registration.

For more information on DOL's registration process and access to the registration portal, go to:

https://dol.ny.gov/contractor-and-subcontractor-landing?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

DOL encourages all contractors and subcontractors to register as soon as possible to obtain a Certificate of Registration to avoid negatively impacting a bidding period or project schedule.

The Mayor's Office will continue to provide additional information and guidance as it becomes available.



sanitation

Holiday service is subject to change. If your collection day falls on a holiday, please check the Department of Sanitation's website:

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/dsny/index.page>

You can also contact 311.



FREE ONLINE Citizenship Classes

Prepare for the U.S. citizenship test and interview

Schedule Monday & Wednesday
6:00–8:00 pm

Dates January 22 – April 2

Levels Beginner English
Intermediate English



To register: Fill out the interest form
tinyurl.com/RiisCitizenship

Call (646) 397-5771

Email eminaya@riissettlement.org

Visit Jacob A. Riis Neighborhood Settlement,
10-25 41st Ave, Long Island City, NY 11101



**QUEENS BOROUGH PRESIDENT DONOVAN RICHARDS
& THE AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMITTEE**

2025 SCHOLARSHIP

INFORMATION & INSTRUCTIONS

Each year the African American Heritage Committee awards scholarships to graduating High School seniors pursuing a post-secondary education. Recipients receive a monetary award for academic expenses. **Applicants must be residents of Queens. Interested high school seniors must submit a completed application with an official high school transcript by 5 p.m. on January 9, 2025.** Scholarship recipients will be notified by February 3, 2025. **The online application can be found at:**
www.queensbp.org/aahcscholarshipapp/

Answer each question completely. The academic questions refer to the student's High School experience. Each question is carefully considered in the evaluation of each application. Please note: grammar and overall presentation are considered.

Transcripts must be submitted separately and can be forwarded via email to:
shuanderson@queensbp.nyc.gov or fax at: 718-286-3134.

The scholarship winners will be notified by February 3rd, and announced at the Queens Borough President's **Black History Month Celebration** on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m., Queens Borough Hall, Helen Marshall Cultural Center, 120-55 Queens Boulevard, Kew Gardens, NY 11424



Donovan Richards Jr.
QUEENS BOROUGH PRESIDENT

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTIFICATION (S)

Morley's Tavern, Inc.
d/b/a Morley's Pub
83-18 Parsons Blvd. in Flushing
Renewal - Full Liquor License



Momi Restaurant, Inc.
d/b/a Turquoise Restaurant
189-23 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows
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 MEETING

Tuesday, January 21, 2025
7:30 p.m.

Community Board 8 Office
197-15 Hillside Avenue
Hollis, NY 11423

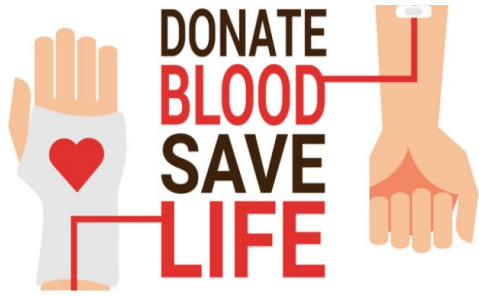
Please submit written testimony in support or against any new applications by the end of the day on Friday, January 17, 2024. If you have complaints about illegal cannabis shops, please contact the Office of Cannabis Management at:

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

DEMOLITION/VACATE NOTICE






- **184-26 Henley Road - Excavation/Construction**
- **162- 01 87th Road — Partial Vacate Order — November 27, 2024**
Illegal Class A apartment created in the attic. Apartment has inadequate second means of egress. It also has inadequate ventilation and inadequate natural light. NYC Department of Housing Preservation **Repair Order issued.**



January 2025

*Community Board 8, Queens
National Blood Donor Month*

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

“Although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.” – Carl Bard