



November

COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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BUDGET DIRECTOR: Marc A. Haken

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Honorable Linda Lee - 23rd District
Honorable James Gennaro - 24th District

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Honorable Donovan Richards

STAFF

DISTRICT MANAGER: Marie Adam-Ovide
Sandra Aikens-Williams, Community Assistant

BOARD MEMBERS BY AREA

Area 1 – Kew Gardens Hills

Mitch Lisker – CHAIR, Heather Bennett-Idels, Susan D. Cleary, Jennifer Martin, Rabbi Yaniv Meirov, Rabbi Shlomo Nisanov, Simon Pelman and Jacob Weinberg

Area 2 – Briarwood

Seymour Schwartz – CHAIR, 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, Dilaafroz Ahmed, Bhitihara-Martha Fulton, Ahsan Habib, Mohammed “Dehwar” Islam, Paul Lazauskas, 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, Deepti Sharma, Tamika Williams-Moore and Emanuel Yllescas.

Area 6 – Utopia, Fresh Meadows, West Cunningham Park

Maria DeInnocentiis – CHAIR, James Gallagher, Tami Hirsch, Alan Ong, Tamara Osheroov 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 and Mohammed Tohin.

Flip Your Ballot to Vote on the Four Ballot Proposals

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

- The Minutes of the September 14, 2022, Board Meeting were unanimously approved by 33 members.
- **Martha Taylor, Chairperson’s Report** - Announced the resignation of Community Associate, Jatnna Reyes, who has accepted a position as a State Trooper. The Board wished her the best of luck in her new endeavor with resounding applause.

On a sad note, Chairperson Taylor announced the passing of former CB8 Member Sylvia Weprin and offered condolences to her family and the Board.

Chairperson Taylor briefly discussed the Mayor’s “City of Yes” Proposal. This proposal includes three citywide zoning text amendments to be reviewed next year. She denounced the one size-fits-all approach to the zoning changes. Copies of the PowerPoint presentation was included in the CB8 Member packets and she encouraged them to review it. She announced the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to be chaired by Deepti Sharma, Chair of the Buildings & Housing Committee.

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Next Public Hearing/Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 9, 2022

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

A Word from the District Manager

Dear Resident,

Allow me to quote Michael Moore who stated, “ *Democracy is not a spectator sport. If we don’t participate in it, it ceases to be a democracy.*” In the past, we used to encourage residents to participate on Election Day. Now that we have early voting, the Get Out the Vote [GOTV] message is for the election season.

Early voting started on Saturday, October 29, 2022 , ending on Sunday, November 6, 2022. Election Day will be on **Tuesday, November 8, 2022**. You will be voting to choose your U.S. Senator, U.S. House of Representatives, Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Senator, State Assembly Member, NYS Supreme Court, Civil Court, and Surrogate’s Court.

Additionally, there will be four ballot proposals (*see Page 4*). They will be located on the back of our ballot. Remember to flip your ballot to vote. To find your poll site go to: <https://vote.nyc/page/find-your-poll-site> or call 1-866 -Vote-NYC.

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-Ovide

NEW JERUSALEM
WORSHIP CENTER
122-05 SMITH STREET | JAMAICA, NY 11434



NOVEMBER 19, 2022
1:00PM - 3:00PM

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Guest Speakers:

Honorable Toby A. Stavisky, NY State Senator – Each year the New York State Senate honors one person for the Woman of Distinction Award, given during Woman’s History month. A plaque was presented to this year’s awardee Martha Taylor.

Honorable John C. Liu, NY State Senator – His legislative priority is reducing class size in public schools. He has passed legislation to mandate class size levels reduced over the next six years.

Inspector Kevin Chan, 107th Precinct – The Trunk or Treat event was successful. Carolann Foley’s contribution helped to make this event fun for the children of our community. The number of reported stolen of items stored in vehicles is on the rise. He recommended installing video cameras for your added home security.

Public Hearing:

BSA Cal. No. 8-04-BZ – [BBL 4-6829-1] - **78-15 Parsons Blvd. in Fresh Meadows.**

Amendment to a previously granted variance in an R3-2 zoning district. Two story enlargement and connection of an existing community facility building on the zoning lot that will exceed permitted FAR [Floor Area Ratio] and front wall height.

Vote: **Yes 33** **No 2** **Abstention 0**

BSA Cal. No. 2021-83-BZ – [BBL 4-7259-26] – **80-74 188th Street in Jamaica Estates** – Variance to permit the construction of a house of worship within an R1-2 zoning district, which is contrary to ZR 24-111 FAR [Floor Area Ratio], accessory parking spaces [25-30] not provided and side yard is less than the minimum required.

Vote: **Yes 7** **No 24** **Abstention: 0**

Capital & Expense Budget Hearing - The Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2024 was unanimously approved. The Expense Budget for Fiscal Year 2024 was unanimously approved. The Community Board 8 Needs Statement for Fiscal Year 2024 was unanimously approved.

Committee Reports:

Health Minute with Dr. Stern, Health Committee Chair, Dr. Stern reminded everyone that November is breast cancer awareness.



JOIN US FOR OUR OPEN HOUSE!

NOV. 5
1PM-4PM

QCH'S FOREST HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER HAS REOPENED FOR PROGRAMMING

After a major renovation of the Forest Hills Community Center, we have reopened and would love for you to see how the space has been transformed! Join us on November 5 between 1PM-4PM at 108-25 62nd Drive for refreshments, program presentations, and a tour of the Center! Spread the word!



RSVP OR QUESTIONS:

✉ INFO@QCHNYC.ORG
📱 @QCHNYC



Queens Community House (QCH) provides individuals and families with the tools to enrich their lives and build healthy, inclusive communities. QCH serves more than 25,000 children, youth, adults, and older adults every year.

2022 Ballot Proposals:

- Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022** — The proposal would allow for state bonds to be sold to fund environmental projects.
- Add a Statement of Values to Guide Government** — This proposal would amend the New York City Charter by adding an introductory text, known as a preamble, to the New York City Charter. This preamble would serve as a guiding principle for city government to promote justice and equity for all New Yorkers.
- Establish a Racial Equity Office, Plan and Commission** — This proposal would create an Office of Equity, require a citywide Racial Equity Plan every two years, and create a Commission on Racial Equity.
- Measure the True Cost of Living** — This proposal would require the city to measure the actual cost of living for City residents to meet essential needs.

For more details got to:

<https://www.nycvotes.org/meet-the-candidates/2022-general-election/2022-ballot-proposals/>

FREE 8-Week Job Training and Placement!

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Young adults ages 18-24 in New York City who need assistance securing a career-track job in Facilities Management



Building Repair Technician

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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?

Littering/Sweeping-Out/Throwing Out

Littering, sweeping, throwing, or casting any material such as ashes, garbage, paper, dust, or other garbage or rubbish into or upon any street or public place, vacant lot, air shaft, areaway, backyard, court, or alley is illegal. Throwing garbage out of windows (for example, from buildings or vehicles) is also a violation. In addition, no person may allow anyone under his/her control (agent or employee) to commit a littering, sweepout, or throw-out violation. Merchants must put all sweepings into suitable garbage receptacles for pickup by a private carter. Residential units must put sweepings into suitable garbage receptacles for pick up by DSNY. Sanitation litter baskets may not be used for this purpose. NOTE: When using a "blower," grass, leaves, litter, etc., must be blown into a pile and properly disposed of with other sweepings.

§16-118(1) . . . FINE: \$100 - \$450 .
1st Offense \$250 - 450
2nd Offense within 12 months \$350.- 450 .
3rd+ Offense within 12 months \$350 - 450 .



Remember

Garden trimmings, leaves, grass clippings can be included in your brown bin for composting.

NYC.GOV/DYCD



Saturday Night Lights offers free high-quality sports and fitness training for NYC youth ages 11 to 18 in all five boroughs.



FIND A GYM NEAR YOU:



Contact **Community Connect** at 1 800 246-4646 (M - F 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or email strategicpartnerships@dycd.nyc.gov to learn more!



LIQUOR LICENSE NOTIFICATIONS

- ◆ **Fillmore's Tavern, Inc.**
166-02 65th Avenue in Flushing
Renewal- Full License Application

*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.*

DEMOLITION NOTICE

- 161-09 Union Turnpike - Full Demolition
- 144-07 68th Road - Full Demolition
- 144-03 68th Road - Full Demolition
- 75-03 181st Street - Demolition (garage)
- 71-39 166th Street - Full Demolition



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' DayTues., November 1st
Election DayTues., November 8th
Veteran's Day.....Fri., November 11th
Thanksgiving Day*.....Thurs., November 24th

Parking meters are still in effect, except for ***Major Legal Holidays**.

The Glen Oaks Little League Challenger Division



If you have a child that is challenged, and you would like them to play baseball. **The Glen Oaks Little Challenger Division** is just for them.

Here we play in an environment that is totally accepting of them. Here we allow boys and girls with physical and mental challenges, ages 4 to 18 or up to 21 if they are still in High School, to play ball.

For more information, please contact:

Dennis Noonan at gobbclinic@aol.com.



November 2022

Community Board 8, Queens

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Executive Mtg. 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Ave	3	4	5
6	7	8 Election Day We're closed!	9 Board Meeting Public Hearing 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike	10	11 Veteran's Day We're closed!	12
13	14	15	16	17 Health Comte. Mtg. (Tentative) CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Ave 7:30 p.m.	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Day We're closed!	25	26
27	28	29	30			

"The more you are THANKFUL, the more you attract things to be thankful for."

–Native American Quote