

November

COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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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
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BOARD MEMBERS BY AREA

Area 1 – Kew Gardens Hills

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

Area 2 – Briarwood

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

Area 3 – Hillcrest Estates & Jamaica Hill

Kevin Forrestal – CHAIR, Dilafroz Ahmed, Bhitihara-Martha Fulton, Wendy Gennaro, 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, Michael Hannibal, David Mordukhaev, Jesse Rosenbaum, Harbachan Singh, Martha Taylor, Mohammed Tohin and Mayer Waxman.

September’s Community Board 8 Public Hearing/Meeting (recap)

183-02 Union Turnpike

Fresh Meadows

The Minutes of Wednesday, September 13, 2023, were unanimously approved by 32 members.

Chairperson’s Report:

Chairperson Martha Taylor reminded all board members to please check the proposed meeting dates for any religious observation conflicts. If there are any conflicts, please contact the district manager. The dates will be adopted next month at the November 15, 2023, CB8 meeting.

City Planning announced that the second Text Amendment for the City of Yes dealing with Economic Opportunity is expected to be released on or about October 30, 2023. We will have sixty days to send a response. In the interim, the agency is having virtual presentations/info sessions that residents can attend to learn more about it. A copy of the presentation is available on the City Planning website.

As you know, we are no longer allowed to have hybrid committee meetings since the mayor did not renew his emergency declaration in June. According to QBP’s Legal Counsel Allan Swisher, the board may pass a CB8 Resolution and have hybrid meetings for exigent circumstances. I received a request from Executive Board Member Kevin Forrestal. The Executive Committee has asked him to work on a resolution to have hybrid committee meetings.

Next Public Hearing/Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023

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

A Word from the District Manager

Dear Resident,

Prior to sewer installation, the Department of Design and Construction often conducts temporary water shutdowns. Before the shutdown, you should expect prior notice from the agency. Flyers are usually be posted on the blocks affected.

There are scheduled test water shutdowns for Jamaica Estates this Friday, November 3, 2023 under Project SEQ200558 for the following locations:

1. Dalny Road/184th Street (between Hillside Avenue and 89th Avenue).
2. Hillside Avenue (between Dalny Road/184th Street and 182nd Place).
3. Hillside Avenue (between 184th Street and 184th Place).

Here is how to handle a temporary shutdown as per Department of Design and Construction.

Handling a temporary water shutdown

The NYC Department of Design and Construction (DDC) installs and repairs the underground pipes that deliver water in New York City. Some pipes are over 100 years old and need to be replaced. New types of pipes are more resistant to cracks and breaks. They will safely deliver high-quality water for decades to come.

To do this essential work, we have to temporarily turn off your water.

Your water will be turned back on at the end of each work shift.

BEFORE THE WATER SHUTDOWN

- Store water for cooking, cleaning, and other needs
- Shut off the water main valve in your house or building to prevent plumbing problems, including brown water from sediments (or ask your landlord or super to do so)
- Turn off water-cooled systems such as central air and heating

ONCE THE WATER IS BACK ON

- Turn on the building's water main valve (or ask your landlord or super to do so)
- Run all sink and tub faucets for 15-30 minutes to flush the plumbing

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

If you have any concerns or questions, or would like to receive updates, please contact this project's dedicated **Community Construction Liaison**. If you will be uniquely impacted by this work, you may request a special accommodation, if possible.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please be advised, the water main installation is being performed on behalf of the sponsoring agency, NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). If you have questions about water quality, please contact DEP.

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

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Guest Speakers:

The Honorable James Gennaro, Council Member:

He acknowledged the birthdays of our CB8 Board Members. He spoke highly of former Assembly Member Nettie Mayersohn and the wonderful work she did and the impact she had on our community. He thanked the NYPD for all the hard work they do to keep us safe. He shared his thoughts on the war that is going on in Israel and Palestine.

Honorable Member Sam Berger, Assembly Member

He spoke about former Assembly Members Nettie Mayersohn and Michael Simanowitz. He proposed that a street be co-named in their memory, for all they have done for our community. He asked the CB8 members to support this proposal.

Deputy Inspector Kevin Chan:

107th Precinct – Cars are continuously being stolen and broken into. Domestic violence crimes are up. Due to the war in Israel and Palestine, they have stepped up the man power in order to keep us all safe.

Public Hearing (s):

- **Street Co-naming Request** - 75th Avenue between Main Street and 147th Street to Michael Simanowitz Way.
Passed Unanimously
- **Street Co-naming Request** - 161st Street between Harry Van Arsdale (Jewel) Avenue and 160th Street to Nettie Mayersohn Way.
Passed Unanimously
- **FY '25 Capital & Expense Budget** – Capital & Expense Budget Priorities and Community Board District Needs Statement for Fiscal Year 2025.
Passed Unanimously

Committee Report:

Health Minute with Dr. Stern

Dr. Penny Stern spoke about a patient who was under the age of 30 who took a fall and broke a hip. She learned about another person who broke a hip at 42 years old while on vacation. It then occurred to her that many people think that falls only affect the very old and infirm.


There are risk factors that increases your chances of falling as you age. These are declines in vision, hearing, balance and mobility. She also added that chronic health conditions like Parkinson's disease, arthritis, diabetes, and medication side effects are factors as well. Environmental factors such as clutter, inadequate lighting, wet floors, unstable furniture, and improper footwear can cause falls.

Certain medication can increase the risk of falling, with some of the risks including drowsiness, or instability. Examples of these medications for anxiety and depression, sleeping pills, pain medication, etc. If you are taking these medications, you should speak to your doctor about the side effects.

There are several lifestyle changes you can make to prevent falls such as:

- Increase regular physical activity to improve strength, balance , and flexibility
- Review and modify your medications with your provider
- Remove slippery rugs and clutter in your home and improve lighting
- Wear appropriate, non-slip footwear
- Have regular eye check-ups

She advised that you do everything you can to prevent falls.



NYC Commission on Human Rights

FISCAL YEAR 2023
Annual Report

Annabel Palma, Commissioner and Chair

The NYC Commission on Human rights issued its annual report for Fiscal Year 2023 which can be read by going to:

<https://www.nyc.gov/assets/cchr/downloads/pdf/publications/AnnualReport2023.pdf>

It includes its work on bias prevention, promotion of understanding across religions, elevating job seeker protection, addressing source of income discrimination and many more...

Beacon 216 Advisory Board

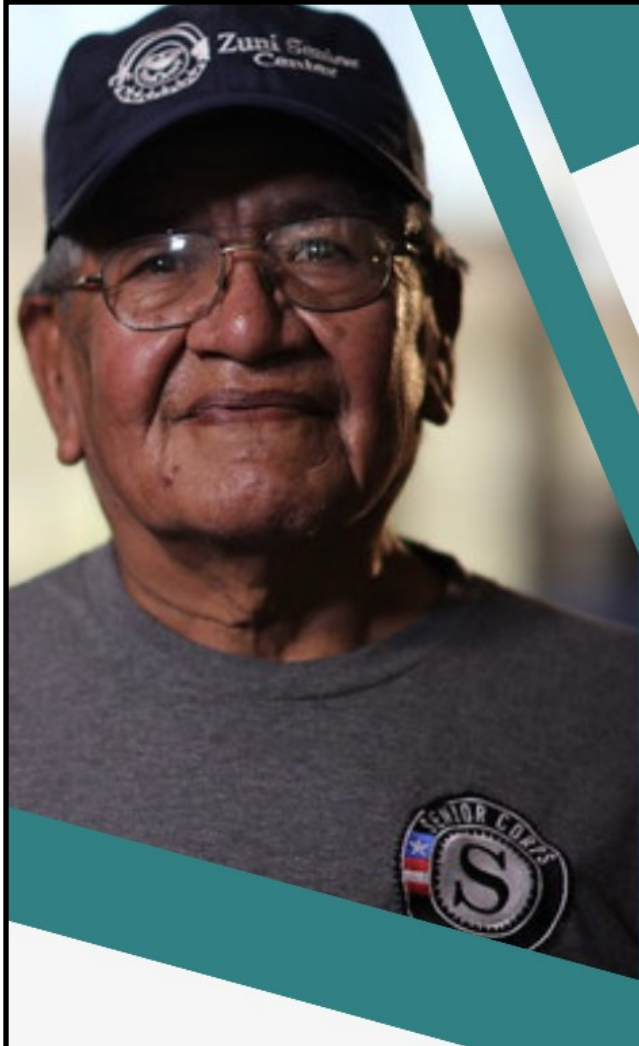
We are looking for members to add to our Beacon Advisory Board! If you are a parent/ guardian who wants to be more involved in the Beacon program, and know all the important news and events in the program and our community, this is for you! Please contact our Outreach Coordinator if you are interested!

If interested, contact Diremedio@commonpointqueens.org
(929)445-3289







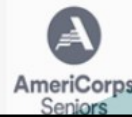


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NYPD BUILD THE BLOCK MEETING

SECTOR A

Thursday, November 9, 2023

Time: 7:00 p.m. (Meeting starts)

**Holy Family Church
175-20 74th Avenue
Fresh Meadows, NY 11366**

Neighborhood Coordinating Officers:

- *Officer Gregory Danca*
- *Officer Steven Mihalik*

NYPD BUILD THE BLOCK MEETING

SECTOR B

Thursday, November 16, 2023

Time: 7:30 p.m. (Meeting starts)

**St. Francis Prep
6100 Francis Lewis Blvd.
Fresh Meadows, NY 11365**

Neighborhood Coordinating Officers:

- *Officer Timothy Beck*
- *Officer Chris Francia*



Did you know?



Heat and Hot Water - NYC

According to the Department of Housing Preservation and Development, "heat season" occurs from October 1st through May 31st every year. Between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m., landlords must provide heat. That heat must register at least 68 degrees Fahrenheit when the outside temperature falls **below 55 degrees**; between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., heat must register at least 62 degrees Fahrenheit.

Hot Water must be provided 24 hours a day and 365 days a year. That hot water must register at or above a constant temperature of 120 degrees at the tap. If a tub or shower is equipped with an anti-scald valve that prevents the hot water temperature from exceeding 120 degrees, the minimum hot water temperature for that tub or shower is 110 degrees.

Mattresses - Improper Disposal of Bedding

Any person disposing of bedding for DSNY collection shall enclose such bedding within a plastic bag. Such bag shall be constructed in such a manner and be of such size as to readily contain the bedding to be disposed of. Such bag must be securely sealed after the bedding is placed inside.

§16-120 (a)

Fine:

\$100 ... 1st and 2nd offences

\$200 ...3rd or more offenses

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTIFICATION (S)

- **Fresh Meadows Pizza & Rest. Inc. d/b/a Fresh Meadows Pizza & Rest.**
195-09 69th Avenue
Renewal - Beer & Cider 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 LICENSE NOTIFICATION (S)

- **Skyler Rodriguez - Retail Dispensary Premise**
d/b/a Square Knot LLC
138-19 Queens Boulevard in Briarwood
- **Shahriar Rahman - Retail Dispensary Premise**
172-13 Hillside Avenue, Suite 201 in Jamaica
- **Imrul Kabir, PT, DPT - Retail Dispensary Premise**
d/b/a Active Healing Physical Therapy. PLLC
169-02 Highland Avenue in Jamaica



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 Day.....Nov. 1st**
- Election Day.....Nov. 7th**
- Veteran's Day (Observed)Nov. 10th**
- Veteran's DayNov. 11th**
- Thanksgiving Day*.....Nov. 23rd**

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

DEMOLITION/VACATE NOTICE






- 160-31 77th Ave - Demolition (House)
- 70-18 166th Street - Demolition (House & Garage)
- 75-38 186th Street - Excavation
- 69-45 183rd Street - Excavation



Native
American
Heritage
Month

November 2023

Community Board 8, Queens

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

"Some people are always grumbling because roses have thorns; I am thankful that thorns have roses." - Alphonse Karr