



October

COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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Honorable Donovan Richards

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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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Hello Fall!

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

The minutes of Wednesday, June 26, 2024, were unanimously approved with corrections by 35 members.

Chairperson’s Report:

Chairperson Martha Taylor requested a moment of silence for all the victims of 9/11 and their families, and the passing of CB8 Member Kevin Forrestal. Jackie Forrestal sent an email thanking Community Board 8, Elke Maerz and the Sunshine Fund donors for their contribution in memory of Kevin Forrestal to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. She also thanked the Board for the tribute in the September Newsletter.

Today, we are collecting donations for our Sunshine Fund that has now been depleted. These funds are used to send well wishes to our members who are ill or had a death in the family. As you know, we cannot use CB8 public funds for this purpose.

Representatives of elected officials’ offices must sign-up for speaking time. Tonight, we had at least two people who called ahead of time. If you have any flyers of events that your member is having, place them on the table.

Next Public Hearing/Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 9, 2024

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

Nyc.gov/queenscb8

A Word from CB8...

Dear Resident,

Once again, Community Board 8 has leaf paper bags for distribution. We will have them for distribution starting Tuesday, October 1, 2024 in our office. We will also have them with us at the next Community Board 8 meeting that will be held on **Wednesday, October 9, 2024** at 7:30 p.m. at the Hillcrest Jewish Center.

At that meeting our guest speaker will be Assistant Director of Community Affairs Antonio Whitaker of the Department of Sanitation who will speak on the Residential Containerization Program. You might have already received correspondence from the Department of Sanitation about the requirement for bins with secured lids. We encourage you to attend.

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
District Manager

Martha Taylor
Chairperson

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Honorable Assemblymember Samuel Berger

There is a bill that he cosponsored that require dealers of limited use motorcycles (i.e. mopeds), to issue temporary registration tags to those purchasing such vehicles. The bill passed, and now they are awaiting the Governor to sign the bill.

There is \$150,000 of SNAP and EBT benefits that were stolen in the district. He passed a bill that would put into place fraud prevention mechanisms. He is awaiting the governor to sign the bill. Another bill that he passed in which a licensed mental health counselor or licensed family therapist can be charged with rape in the third degree for sleeping with patients.

If anyone in the community has any issues, their office is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Captain Mo Tsang - 107th Police Precinct Commander

The precinct cannot do much enforcement when it comes to the e-scooters since they do not have a license plate. If you see an e-scooter that is parked in an area that obstructs pedestrian walkways, you can take a picture of the serial number and report it to the vendor directly. Whoever the last driver is will get fined for improperly parking the e-scooter.

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Shubhra Datta – representing Borough President Donovan Richards

The 2024 Community Board Demographic is available on the QBP website. September 17, 2024 is Mexican Independence Day which will be celebrated in Queens Borough Hall. On September 28, 2024, there will be a Queens Climate Expo at the Queens Hall of Science at 6 p.m. There will be a Youth Mixer on September 28, 2024 at 6 p.m. at Keiko Studios.

Health Minutes with Dr. Stern

September is full of health observances. This week from September 8th through September 14th is World Suicide Prevention Week. One person dies by suicide an average of every 11 minutes. The risk factors associated with suicide include financial strain – people with more access to housing, health care, quality food and jobs do better than those whose access is more uncertain. Also, people who lack support networks are at greater risk, Veterans are at high risk. People, especially young people, who are bullied are at risk. Non-Hispanic, Native Americans and Alaskan Native people are at highest risk followed by white people and people who live in rural communities. The CDC has offered five actions that communities can consider to help reduce suicide.

These are: strengthening economic support; improving mental health services and care; promoting opportunities for personal engagement opportunities in the community; and actively teaching coping and problem-solving skills. If people threaten suicide, please take them seriously. There is usually time to intervene.

Jesse Rosenbaum - Transportation Committee Chair

Provided a brief update of the e-scooter program from the May 23, 2024, Transportation Committee meeting. There are three companies that are providing the e-scooters.

- To unlock the e-scooter it can cost a dollar and then thirty-nine cents to forty-eight cents per minute depending on the company used. The average ride is probably fifteen minutes.
- To rent the scooter, you would need to be at least sixteen years old.
- The maximum speed of the scooter is fifteen miles per hour.
- Each scooter has a sensor that can stop the scooter if they ride in areas that are not permitted (i.e. a park, the sidewalk)
- To rent it, you would undertake a half hour training session along with a quiz.
- When you are finished riding the scooter, you would have to send a picture and place the e-scooter on the sidewalk near the street. Not the middle of the street.

He then proceeded to list several concerns he has regarding the program:

- There are no helmets required to rent an e-scooter.
- In case of a flash storm or blizzard, there is a requirement of twelve hours for the vendors to remove the e-scooters.

If you see the e-scooter sitting in the street, in the middle and/or on the sidewalk, or on the medians on Union Turnpike, that is not permitted. He requested feedback from the community to be sent to the Community Board 8 office so that it can be given to the e-scooter vendors. The recommendation he has is to require helmets, allow thirty minutes notice to stop the e-scooter when there is a flood, or thunderstorm, and have an e-scooter stored house.

He received a notice that one of the vendors, Lime, is pledging \$2.5 million to improve the program. The article shows corrals; however, we do not have them, and they are not required. He requested for them to attend the next committee meeting on Wednesday, September 25th; however, they do not have information yet. They will be scheduled for the next meeting which will be towards the end of the year.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SECTION
& 107th COMMUNITY COUNCIL

TRUNK OR TREAT

COME JOIN US FOR FREE FOOD, GAMES &
ACTIVITIES



CONTACT

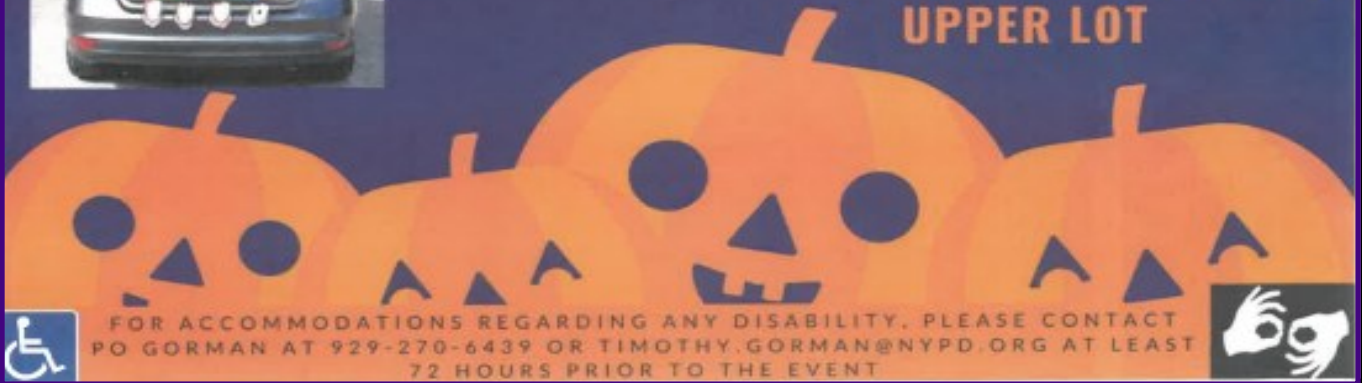
PO MCCARTHY 917-704-6897

PO GORMAN 929-270-6439

OCT 26

11AM TO 3PM

**CUNNINGHAM PARK
UPPER LOT**



FOR ACCOMMODATIONS REGARDING ANY DISABILITY, PLEASE CONTACT
PO GORMAN AT 929-270-6439 OR TIMOTHY.GORMAN@NYPD.ORG AT LEAST
72 HOURS PRIOR TO THE EVENT



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 League Challenger Division is just for them. Here they play in an environment that is totally accepting of them.

Here they allow boys and girls with physical and/or developmental disabilities, ages 4 to 18 or up to 21, if they are still in High School, to play ball.

So please forward this information to anyone you think will benefit from this program. Or for more information please contact Dennis Noonan at:

gobbclinic@aol.com.

E-Scooter Share is Here!



Eric Adams
Mayor



Ydanis Rodriguez
Commissioner

Important Rules:

- Follow all traffic laws
- Use bike lanes when available
- Do not ride on the sidewalk
- Yield to pedestrians
- No double riding
- Only for age 18+

Parking:

- Can be parked on sidewalk out of pedestrian path of travel in most areas
- Parking in corrals required in select areas
- Parking zones visible to riders in-app
- Report inappropriately parked scooters to companies or DOT

If you have questions or concerns, please contact:



BIRD

☎ 866.205.2442

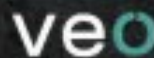
✉ BirdNYC@bird.co



Lime

☎ 888.546.3345

✉ help-new-york@li.me



☎ 855.836.2256

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Eric Adams
Mayor



Ydanis Rodriguez
Commissioner

✉ scooter.share@dot.nyc.gov

Check the website to see if you're eligible for a discount!



nyc.gov/ScooterShare

FLUSHING MEADOWS CORONA PARK AQUATICS CENTER

The Flushing Meadows Corona Park Aquatics Center has many programs/classes :

- Flip and Flops—Adult Skill Improvement Program
- Flip and Flops— Youth Skill Improvement Program
- Artistic Swimming—Ballet and Gymnastics in the water
- Learn to Swim for Tiny Tots
- Senior Learn to Swim
- ...and much more



To find out about all the programs, please go to the link below:

<https://www.nycgovparks.org/facilities/recreationcenters/Q099/schedule/2024-09-30#Pool>

Your vote, NYC's future

2024 General Election

Saturday, October 26

- First day of Early Voting
- Voter registration deadline
- Last day to request mail ballot, online or by mail

Sunday, November 3

- Last day of Early Voting

Monday, November 4

- Last day to request mail ballot, in person

Tuesday, November 5

- **Election Day**
- Last day to submit mail ballot

On the Ballot

- President and Vice President
- U.S. Senate and House of Representatives
- New York State Senate and Assembly
- Judicial Races
- Ballot Proposals

nycvotes.org | [@nycvotes](https://twitter.com/nycvotes)



QUEENS FAMILY COURT



Second Annual Community and Legal Resource Fair

Learn all about the resources available to you!

OCTOBER 25, 2024

10AM-3PM

151-20 Jamaica Avenue

Jamaica, NY 11432

The Queens Family Court Access to Justice Committee will be bringing you information about the services provided by different organizations to court users and the greater Queens County community!

CANNABIS/LIQUOR LICENSE NOTIFICATION (S)

FKNG, Corp.

d/b/a Mela's Café
71-02 Kissena Blvd. - Flushing
Renewal - Full Liquor License

Fillmore Tavern, Inc.

166-02 65th Avenue - Flushing
Renewal - Full Liquor License

Crust On J. Inc.

d/b/a The Upper Crust
67-11 Main Street - Flushing
Renewal - Full Liquor License



143 St. Deli & Discount Corp

143-01 Hillside Avenue - Jamaica
NEW - Beer & Cider & Temporary Retail Permit



420 Wonderland, LLC

d/b/a Just a Little Higher Briarwood
138-72 Queens Blvd. in Briarwood
NEW - Retail Dispensary Premises - Cannabis

Boom Factory, LLC

d/b/a Just a Little Higher Kew Gardens
146-01 Union Turnpike in Flushing
NEW - Retail Dispensary Premises - Cannabis

*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.*

CITY PARKING RULES

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



- Rosh HashanahThurs./Fri., Oct. 3rd –4th
- Yom KippurSat., Oct. 12th
- Columbus Day.....Mon., October 14th
- SukkotThurs./Fri., Oct. 17th –18th
- Shemini Atzereth.... Thurs., Oct. 24th
- Simchas Torah..... Fri., Oct. 25th

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

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE (S)



- 144-46 68th Road – Demolition

CANNABIS/LIQUOR LICENSE

Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

7:30 p.m.

Please submit written testimony in support or against any **new applications** by the end of the day on Friday, October 11, 2024.

If you have complaints about illegal cannabis shops, please contact the Office of Cannabis Management at:

<https://cannabis.ny.gov/report-an-incident>



October 2024

Community Board 8, Queens

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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6	7 Capital/ Expense Budget Cmte. Meeting 8 p.m. CB8 Office	8	9 Executive Cmte. Meeting 7 p.m. Board Meeting Public Hearing 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike	10	11 	12
13 	14 Closed	15 Cannabis/ Liquor License Cmte. Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office	16 	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Last Day to Register to Vote in NYS
27	28	29	30	31 		

"Strength does not come from winning. Your struggles develop your strengths. When you go through hardships and decide not to surrender, that is strength.."