



September

COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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Joseph Austin Synthetic Field Construction



NYC Parks

Construction started on August 14, 2017 on Joseph Austin synthetic field in Jamaica. Work includes the implementation of corrective drainage, installation of new retention tanks and repair of the synthetic field. The Department of Parks and Recreation anticipates that this construction will last for about a year.

Next Community Board 8 Meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 13, 2017** at 7:30 p.m.
Minutes of Board Meetings are available on our website: www.nyc.gov/queenscb8 within two weeks.

Community Board 8, Queens
Hillcrest Jewish Center
183-02 Union Turnpike (Auditorium)
Fresh Meadows, NY 11366

A Word from the District Manager ...

Dear Community Board 8 Resident:

Did you know that the Mayor recently signed legislation that increases the income threshold to receive the Senior Citizen Homeowner's Exemption (SCHE) and the Disabled Homeowner's Exemption (DHE)? Homeowners with annual incomes of \$58,399 or less are now eligible to receive SCHE and DHE. This is retroactive to July 1, 2017.

Senior Citizens age 65 and older or disabled New Yorkers with annual incomes of \$58,399 or less are eligible. This program exempts 5 to 50% of the assessed value of your home from taxation. You can apply by visiting www.nyc.gov/sche or www.nyc.gov/dhe and submit an application by January 16, 2018. This means that you can save hundreds of dollars in property taxes each year.

Were you previously denied due to your income being too high? Fear not. If your income is \$58,399 or less, the Department of Finance will automatically apply the benefit to your account, beginning with your January 2018 property tax bill. This is with a retroactive property tax credit to July 1, 2017.

If you find this information useful, please help spread the word by sharing it 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

P.S. If you would like an email version, please contact us at 718-264-7895 and provide your email address. This information is also available on our website: www.nyc.gov/queenscb8. Remember to "Like" us on

facebook

SAFE Disposal Event

Saturday, September 9, 2017

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (rain or shine)

Astoria Park Parking Lot (Hoyt Ave and 19th Street)

Cars enter from Ditmars Blvd. onto 21st Street

Walk-in area available for residents taking public transportation

Get rid of your harmful products safely:

- * Solvents
- * Automotive
- * Flammable
- * Electronics





sanitation

OFFICIAL NOTICE



Get ready for your brown bin!

DSNY will collect your **organics** – food scraps and yard waste – to turn them into compost or clean energy.

Put items like these in your brown bin.

Food Scraps fruit, meat, bones, dairy, prepared food



Food-soiled Paper napkins, towels, tea bags, plates



Leaf + Yard Waste plants, trimmings, twigs, grass



Your brown bin is arriving in September!

DSNY will be delivering free brown bins to residential buildings with up to nine apartments. Residents on commercial blocks or in larger buildings with 10 or more apartments can request a free bin. Visit nyc.gov/organics or call 311.

We'll start collecting your organics in October!

Set your brown bin at the curb for collection. **Organics collection starts the week of Oct 1st on your trash days.**

Find your collection schedule by visiting nyc.gov/organics or calling 311.



Project Open House

Administered by the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD), Project Open House removes architectural barriers in the homes of people with permanent disabilities. This program is designed to increase independence in the activities of daily living, thus helping people with disabilities remain a part of their communities. POH provides an opportunity for many individuals to modify their living environments.

Examples of work covered under this program

Widening doorways, conversion of steps into ramps, replacing existing plumbing fixtures with accessible fixtures, removal of sink base cabinets to provide an accessible work surface and/or a sink, installation of accessible amenities such as grab bars, door openers, accessible door handles, accessible height shelving, installing accessible railings, installation/conversion of residential doorbell and/or smoke and carbon monoxide detectors when an audible or visual system is needed or other barrier removals that may be required by individuals with disabilities subject to review by MOPD.

Eligibility Requirements

- Reside within the 5 boroughs
- Have a permanent disability
- Meet Section 8 Income Guidelines.
- Building owner must allow MOPD to perform the work.

Application Process Opens July 1st, 2017

For more information about Project Open House
Visit nyc.gov/POH or dial 311



Alzheimer's Adult Day Program

You can bring your loved one to our program with confidence while you take care of Personal business, to work or just be alone for a few hours to regroup.

The Adult Day Program is open Mon- Friday 9am to 4pm

168- 01B Hillside Ave

Jamaica, Queens New York

11432

Tel:(718) 358 -3541

Let us help you because we care.

Door to Door Transportation Included

Other sources of Transportation to our location are: Q43 Q17, Q17 Limited

Conveniently located near the F Train on Hillside Ave.

Weekly Caregiver Support Group

Computer Availability for caregivers

Social and Therapeutic Activities:

Cognitive Skills Dancing & Art Therapy

Music Therapy

Exercise

Hot Lunch, Snack, Transportation



Funded by the New York City Department for the Aging



*As New York City Residents we must obey a gamut of regulations. We realize that most residents want to do the right thing and obey the rules. However, they often break them, as they are **unaware** of their existence. So...*



Did you know???

The NYC Department of Transportation has changed the Final Street Restoration Rule as follows:

*Roadway restoration must be done with a concrete base, not just asphalt as was previously allowed. To comply with the restoration rules **National Grid** will make additional visits to complete final restorations at work sites.*

***1st visit**—Paving contractor installs temporary paving.*

***2nd visit**—Paving contractor saw-cuts the temporary paving, according to DOT required depths depending on the size of the excavation, to create clean edges around the excavation.*

***3rd visit**—Paving contractor removes temporary paving and some of the backfill material and pours a concrete base course into the excavation, 72 hours is allowed for the concrete to cure, the area will be barricaded/plated if in the driving lane, crosswalk or driveway for safety.*

***4th visit**—3 days after the concrete base course is allowed to cure, the paving contractor returns and installs final paving/asphalt which is the wearing course that provides an even surface and withstands the wear of traffic.*

This restoration may take a week depending on the weather, parking restrictions and the nature of the work. All entities with a DOT street opening permit are required to comply with the street restoration rule change.

Information brought to you by National Grid



LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION (S)

- ◆ **P.G.S. Pizzeria Corp. d/b/a Gaby's Pizza**
204-23 Hillside Avenue in Hollis, ***NEW application for a Wine, Beer & Cider License***
- ◆ **Hashem Melech Inc. d/b/a Bravo Pizza**
69-26/28 Main Street in Flushing, ***NEW application for a full Liquor License***
- ◆ **Maria Restaurant Corp.**
172-37 Hillside Avenue in Jamaica, ***NEW application for a Wine, Beer & Cider License***
- ◆ **Futigi Sushi Asian Cuisine Inc.**
164-04 69th Avenue in Fresh Meadows, ***NEW application for a Wine, Beer & Cider License***
- ◆ **Fresh Meadows Wings, LLC d/b/a Hooters of Fresh Meadows**
61-09 190th Street in Fresh Meadows, ***Renewal application for a 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.

DEMOLITION/VACATE NOTICE



- 61-12 182nd Street - Demolition
- 138-37 Union Turnpike - Demolition
- 87-48 Santiago Street - Demolition (garage only)
- 184-29 Tudor Road - Demolition (garage only)
- 182-60 Radnor Road - Demolition
- 81-28 189th Street - Demolition (garage only)

CITY PARKING RULES

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



Eid al-Adha September 1st - September 3rd
 Labor Day September 4th
 Rosh Hashanah September 21st - September 22nd
 Yom Kippur September 30th

Remember, parking meters are still in effect

Street Activity/Block Party Permit Request



There is no Street Activity/Block Party scheduled for the month of September.

Foreclosure Prevention Clinic

Queens Civil Court, Room 160
 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard in Jamaica
(next door to Queens Supreme Court)

718-883-8168

Thursdays: 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Fridays: 9:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

FREE LEGAL AID—Funded by the New York State Attorney General's
 Homeownership Protection Program

Services provided by: The Legal Aid Society, JASA Legal Services and Queens Legal Services.



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Community Board 8, Queens

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Happy Eid ul Adha 	2
3	4 	5 Informational Hearing (DSNY Organic Recycling) 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike	6	7 Capital/Expense Budget Public Hearing 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Avenue	8	9
10	11	12 	13 Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike	14 Transportation Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Avenue	15	16
17	18	19 Liquor License Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Avenue	20	21	22 	23
24 Public Hearing BSA No. 2017-230-BZ 7:30 p.m. Location TBD	25	26	27	28	29	30 Yom Kippur 

“ Children should learn that reading is a pleasure, not just something that teachers make you do in school. “ ~ Beverly Cleary

**All Jewish Holidays start at sundown on the preceding date.*