



October

COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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OFFICERS

CHAIRPERSON: Martha Taylor
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1st VICE CHAIR: Stanley Weinblatt
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3rd VICE CHAIR: Michael Hannibal
EXEC. SECRETARY: Carolyn Baker-Brown
TREASURER: Harbachan Singh

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Honorable Barry Grodenchik - 23rd District
Honorable Rory Lancman - 24th District

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Honorable Melinda Katz

STAFF

Jatma Reyes
Izabela Szczepanska

BOARD MEMBERS BY AREA

Area 1 – Kew Gardens Hills

Dr. Allen J. Bennett – CHAIR, Susan D. Cleary, Florence Fisher, Joshua Glikman, Bright Limm, Mitch Lisker, Jennifer Martin, Rabbi Shlomo Nisanov, Simon Pelman and Jacob Weinberg

Area 2 – Briarwood

Seymour Schwartz – CHAIR, Carolyn Baker-Brown, Allen Eisenstein, John Gebhard, Elke Maerz, Charlton Rhee, Douglas Sherman and Albert Willingham

Area 3 – Hillcrest Estates & Jamaica Hill

Kevin Forrestal – CHAIR, Dilafrooz Ahmed, Bhithara-Martha Fulton, Fakrul “Dehwar” Islam, Paul Lazauskas and Frances Peterson

Area 4 – Flushing Heights, Flushing Suburban, Hillcrest

Jagir Singh Bains – CHAIR, Kenneth Cohen II, Steven Konigsberg, Dilip Nath and Dr. Penny M. Stern

Area 5 – Georgetown Mews, Pomonok, Electchester, Flushing

Mary Maggio – CHAIR, Monica Corbett, Carolann Foley, Frank Magri, Rachele Van Arsdale and Stanley Weinblatt

Area 6 – Utopia, Fresh Meadows, West Cunningham Park

Maria DeInnocentiis – CHAIR, James Gallagher, Jr., Robert Harris, Tami Hirsch and Tamara Osherov

Area 7 – Jamaica Estates & Holliswood

Howard Fried – CHAIR, Dr. Robert Block, Edward Chung, Howard A. Fried, Marc A. Haken, Michael Hannibal, Jesse Rosenbaum, Harbachan Singh, Martha Taylor and Mohammed Tohin

Community Board 8, Queens

Hillcrest Jewish Center

183-02 Union Turnpike (Auditorium)
Fresh Meadows, NY 11366

- ◆ The Minutes of June 20, 2018 Board Meeting were unanimously approved by 29 members.

- ◆ **Chairperson Martha Taylor:**

Deepest condolences to Dr. Allen Bennett who recently lost his wife due to a battle with cancer. The Executive Board unanimously voted to donate \$75 from the Sunshine Fund [*Comprised of funds donated by Board Members only*] to Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in her memory.

Best wishes to Board Member Carolyn Baker-Brown for a speedy recovery who is recuperating from knee surgery. Welcome back to Board Member Maria DeInnocentiis who had knee surgery a few months ago. Congratulations to Board Member Edward “Ed” Chung who will be honored by Visions, an organization that assists the visually impaired, for his commitment to the community.

- ◆ **Committee Reports:**

Executive Committee - NYC Charter Commission’s Ballot Proposal regarding Community Board Members was discussed.

Next Community Board 8 Meeting will be on **Wednesday, October 10, 2018** at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes of Board Meetings are available on our website: www.nyc.gov/queenscb8 within two weeks.

A Word from the District Manager ...

Dear Community Board 8 Resident:

As you may be aware, the Department of Parks and Recreation prunes trees on a seven-year cycle under the Block Pruning Program.

One section of seven sections of Community Board 8 is pruned each year. Last year, there were approximately 1302 street trees pruned along with those located in playgrounds and parks. This time, Section 3 will be pruned. This section is bounded by Hillside Avenue on the south, Grand Central Parkway on the north, Clearview Expressway on the east and Wexford Terrace on the west. If you know of any trees within this area that need pruning, please contact your Community Board.

*Reminder - the best way to get a tree stump removed is to request a new tree. The stump will be removed along with the tree planting contract. In addition, this year dead trees that have a **diameter of 8" or less** are also being removed with the tree planting contract.*

Feel free to contact us if you have a tree that needs pruning in Section 3 for the Block Pruning Program or with any other tree concerns.

*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

A Message from Commissioner Cecile Noel...

Today, Dr. Christine Blasey Ford testified in front of the Senate Judiciary Committee about her experience with sexual violence. We understand that viewing this testimony and reports about the hearing may be triggering for survivors or anyone affected by sexual violence. We also understand how difficult it can be to disclose an incident of sexual violence. We want to ensure that survivors of sexual violence are heard, supported, respected, and connected to the services they may need.

If you or someone you know has experienced sexual violence, help is available.

- Visit NYC Hope at www.nyc.gov/nycchope to access resources.
- Call the NYC Rape and Sexual Assault Hotline available 24/7/365 at [\(212\) 227-3000](tel:2122273000).
- Contact NYC Well counselors 24/7/365. Call [888-NYC-WELL](tel:888-NYC-WELL) ([888-692-9355](tel:888-692-9355)), text WELL to 65173 or visit nyc.gov/nycwell to chat online.

In the current #MeToo movement, as people across the City and the country are empowered to share stories of sexual violence that had previously been silenced, this is a critical time, and NYC stands with survivors.

Cecile Noel
Commissioner





TAKE A KID MOUNTAIN BIKING DAY!

SPONSORED BY TRIPS FOR KIDS METRO NY



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6 10-2 PM

CUNNINGHAM PARK
210th STREET PLAYGROUND
& 73RD AVENUE

FUN EVENTS!

- Supervised Kids Rides
- Obstacle Training
- Beginner Rides
- Intermediate Rides
- Clif Bar™ Portable Pump Track



Cunningham Park

FREE ADMISSION!

'No bike? No problem! We've got loads!'

rsvp: <https://trips-for-kids-2018-take-a-kid-mountain-biking-day.eventbrite.com>





NEXT EVENT: November 11th

Learn more about our advanced programs. Join us for TFK's Ride Club Challenge Day

• TRIPS FOR KIDS METRO NY •



CityParks FOUNDATION

FREE SENIORS FITNESS PROGRAM

SEP 17 - OCT 26
2018

AGES 60+

COME OUT AND GET ACTIVE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD PARK!

¡VENGA Y SEA ACTIVO EN EL PARQUE DE SU VECINDARIO!

TENNIS - YOGA - FITNESS WALKING
CLASES DE TENIS - YOGA - CAMINATAS

CUNNINGHAM PARK TENNIS COURTS
Union Turnpike & 193rd Street

TENNIS - Tues./Thurs. 9-11 a.m.
YOGA - Tues./Thurs. 10 a.m.



Commissioner Dorothy Lewandowski, Borough President Melinda Katz, & Council Member Barry Grodenchik cordially invite you to attend the groundbreaking ceremony for Redwood Playground.

Tuesday, October 23rd, 2018
12 p.m.
193rd Street and Aberdeen Road

RSVP to Corisa Robinson at 718.520.5905 or corisa.robinson@parks.nyc.gov



Pay off NYC child support debt. Twice as fast.

Pay It Off

October 1–31, 2018

Now you can participate by mail!

Make a payment of **\$500 or more** toward child support debt permanently owed to NYC and we will **match that payment**.

Pay your child support consistently?
You may qualify for additional reductions.
Call 929-252-5200 for details!

- You have to pay at least \$500 to participate, but you can pay more. Many people do
- We can only reduce the amount you owe to \$0
- The debt must be permanently owed to the New York City Department of Social Services



Photo for illustration purposes only. The people shown are models.

Participating in Person

Come to our Customer Service Walk-In Center
151 West Broadway, 4th floor, New York, NY 10013
(between Worth St. and Thomas St. in Manhattan)

Hours

Monday–Friday (closed Mon., Oct. 8) 8 am–7 pm
Saturday, Oct. 20 and Oct. 27 only 9 am–5 pm

Pay By

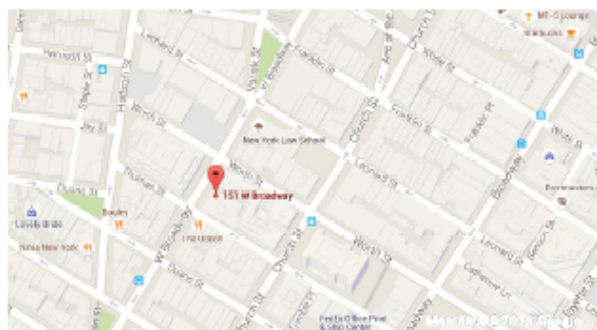
- credit card
- debit card (must be Visa or MasterCard)
- certified check or personal check
- money order

Make checks or money orders payable to “NYS Child Support Processing Center.” Write your Case ID and “Pay It Off” in the section of the check or money order marked “Memo.”

To participate by mail, first call 929-252-5200

Nearby Subways

Chambers St. stations for the 1, 2, 3, A, C, J, or Z
Brooklyn Bridge/City Hall station for the 4, 5, or 6



NYC Department of Social Services
Human Resources Administration
Department of Homeless Services

Office of Child Support Services

FLY-960 (E-6) (7/18)



ASSEMBLYMEMBER
DANIEL ROSENTHAL
 &
COUNCILMEMBER
RORY LANCMAN



Host:

E-WASTE RECYCLING

BY LOWER EAST SIDE ECOLOGY CENTER

WHEN:

Sunday, October 14, 2018

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

(E-WASTE RECYCLING)

RAINORSHINE



WHERE:

(DROP OFF SITE):

In Front of Young Israel of Kew Gardens Hills on
 150th Street between Jewel Avenue and 70th Road

WE ACCEPT:

WORKING & NON-WORKING COMPUTERS, MONITORS,
 PRINTERS, SCANNERS, KEYBOARDS, MICE, CABLES, TVS,
 VCRS, DVD PLAYERS, PHONES, AUDIO/VISUAL EQUIPMENT,
 CELL PHONES & PDAS.

Some restrictions apply. Please visit lesecologycenter.org for further details.

For more information about this or any other community issue, contact us at:

Assemblymember Daniel A. Rosenthal • 159-0671st Avenue, Flushing, NY 11365 • 718-969-1508 • rosenthald@nyassembly.gov

Councilmember Rory Lancman • 78-40164th Street, Fresh Meadows, NY 11366 • 718-217-4969 • rlancman@nyc.gov



Fresh Meadows Library Open House

**Saturday,
October 20th**

Meet your neighbors with coffee & tea	10:30-11:30 am (Meeting Room)
Crafts for children ages 7+	11 am-12 pm (Children's Room)
Face Painting	12-1 pm (Meeting Room)
A balloon show with Nick the Balloonatic	1-2 pm (Children's Room)
Fall crafts for adults	1-2 pm (Meeting Room)
Toss and win for children ages 5-12	2:30-3:30 pm (Children's Room)
Popular songs from the 60's -70's	3-4 pm (Meeting Room)
Free giveaways for teens all day (while supplies last)	
** No registration is required **	

If you are interested in giving donations to our "Toss and win" program, please call the library.

193-20 Horace Harding Expressway
(718) 454-7272
Bus: Q17 Q30 Q88



**Community Farmers Markets
Local Food**

**Cunningham Park
Farmers Market**

Sundays, 9AM-2PM
In the parking lot off Union
Turnpike near the tennis courts

**THRU
NOV 18**

**EBT,
WIC Checks
WELCOME**
Health Bucks
Available

f **DowntoEarthMarkets**
Downtoearthmkts
DowntoEarthMarkets.com

**Down to Earth
FARMERS MARKETS**



1st Annual Halloween Celebration

Our 1st Annual Halloween Celebration will take place from 11 a.m. to 1p.m. and will include:

- Pumpkin Painting (Pumpkins generously provided by Alex's Tomato Farm and art supplies courtesy of Down to Earth Markets (while supplies last),
- Trick-or-Treating at the vendors tents (while supplies last),
- Halloween Costume procession around the park and tennis courts,
- Photo celebration and wrap-up with pumpkins, goodies and costumes.

We are currently looking for volunteers from community organizations and the neighborhood to help facilitate some of these family programs.

Email Michael at michael@downtoearthmarkets.com for more information.



New York City Advisory Commission on Property Tax Reform Public Hearing in Queens

Mayor Bill de Blasio and City Council Speaker Corey Johnson established an advisory commission to develop recommendations to make the City's property tax system simpler, clearer, and fairer, while ensuring that there is no reduction in revenue used to fund essential City services. The Commission will hold a series of public hearings this fall and next spring to hear from all who pay property taxes directly or indirectly. All hearings will begin at 6:30p.m. The date and location for this fall's hearing in Queens is:

**Wednesday, October 3, 2018
York College - Milton G. Bassin Performing Arts Center
94-45 Guy R. Brewer Boulevard
Jamaica, NY 11434**

To ensure the commission hears from all those interested, speakers should plan to speak for no more than three minutes. Commission members may use additional time to ask the speaker questions. Elected officials will be given the opportunity to speak first; all other participants will be heard in the order in which they sign up when they arrive at the hearing. Speakers may (but need not) submit their presentations ahead of time by emailing them to PropTaxInfo@propertytaxcommission.nyc.gov or uploading them at <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/propertytaxreform> through our online portal.

The Commission especially would appreciate comments on topics such as:

Fairness in the treatment of different kinds of properties:

- Are there properties, or taxpayers, who are treated unfairly? How could the system be made more fair?
- Should all residential properties be taxed at the same rate? What about non-residential properties?
- Should non-residential properties be taxed at a higher rate than residential properties?
- Who pays the property taxes on residential or commercial rental units – the owner or the tenants? How, if at all, should the property tax system address changes in how property taxes affect rents?

Improvements in the administration of the system:

- How accurate are market value estimates? How could the accuracy of appraisals be improved?
- How could the notices that explain how property taxes are computed be made simpler and easier to understand?
- Is the process for appealing one's property taxes working efficiently and fairly? How could it be improved?
- What are the most critical reforms necessary to make the tax system simpler and clearer?

Avoiding significant property tax increases through transitional or income-based mechanisms:

- Should the system provide relief to taxpayers who face significant tax increases because of changes in their properties' values? What are the pros and cons of providing relief to taxpayers who see their property values (and therefore their taxes) rising faster than their incomes?
- Are there preferred methods of relief for property owners who cannot afford their property tax bills?
- Should any such relief be limited to low-income taxpayers?

The Commission looks forward to hearing from all those who are interested in improving the property tax system.

The Milton G. Bassin Performing Arts Center is accessible. To request additional accommodations, please email PropTaxInfo@propertytaxcommission.nyc.gov or call 212-748-0281 by 5:00 pm on Monday, September 24th.

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION (S)



♦ None received in September.

Street Activity/Block Party Permit Requests



None was approved by CB8 nor awaits approval of the Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO).

CITY PARKING RULES

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



Shemini AtzerethOctober 1st

Simcha Torah.....October 2nd

Columbus Day.....October 8th

Remember, parking meters are still in effect.

DEMOLITION/EXCAVATION NOTICE

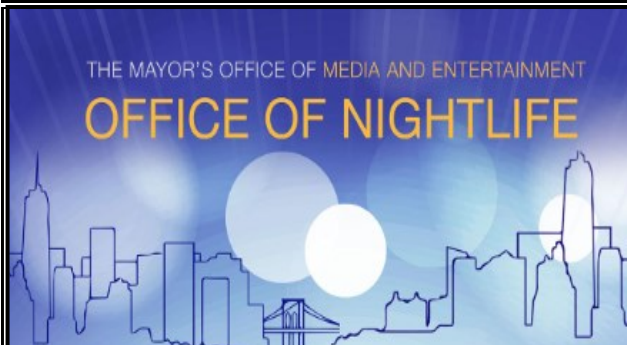


61-18 182nd Street - Demolition

71-33 166th Street - Demolition

69-77 185th Street - Demolition

78-34 160th Street - Construction



Listening Tour with Ariel Palitz, Executive Director

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

LaGuardia Performing Arts Center

31-10 Thomson Avenue

Long Island City, NY

RSVP by October 15th at 5:00 p.m.

RSVP LINK: goo.gl/DZTkxk



Fast Forward

The Plan to Modernize New York City Transit

A Community Conversation Featuring President Andy Byford and MTA New York City Transit Staff

Wednesday, October 10, 2018

Robert Ross Johnson Family Life Center

172-17 Linden Boulevard

Jamaica, NY 11434

Doors Open: **5:30 p.m.**

Program: **6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**



October 2018

Community Board 8, Queens

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 	3	4	5	6
7	8 We're closed  COLUMBUS DAY	9 Capital / Expense Budget Mtg. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Ave. 7:30 p.m.	10 Board Meeting Hillcrest J.C. 183-02 Union Turnpike 7:30 p.m.	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Parks Committee Mtg. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Ave. 7:30 p.m.	26	27
28	29	30	31 			

“In order to escape accountability for his crimes, the perpetrator does everything in his power to promote forgetting. If secrecy fails, the perpetrator attacks the credibility of his victim. If he cannot silence her absolutely, he tries to make sure no one listens.” ~ Judith Lewis Herman