



COMMUNITY BOARD 2 NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2016

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COMMITTEE STRUCTURE & CHAIRPERSON

Arts & Cultural Affairs – Stephen Cooper
City Services/Public Safety – Patrick O'Brien
Environment – Dorothy Morehead
Health & Human Services – Moitri C. Savard
Land Use – Lisa Deller
Transportation – Denise Keehan-Smith

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Date: Thursday, February 4th, 2016

Place: Sunnyside Community Services

43-31 39th Street,

Ground Floor

Sunnyside, New York 11104

Time: 7:00 pm

****BOARD MEMBERS WHO ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THIS MEETING,
PLEASE NOTIFY THE COMMUNITY BOARD 2 OFFICE.***

COMMUNITY BOARD 2 OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON:

Washington's Birthday – Monday, February 15th, 2016

STREET CLEANING RULES WILL BE SUSPENDED ON:

The City suspends alternate side parking regulations, for both street cleaning purposes and traffic flow, on these legal and/or religious holidays in February 2016. Accordingly, parking meters will not be in effect on major legal holidays*.

Asian Lunar New Year – Monday, February 8th

Ash Wednesday – Wednesday, February 10th

Lincoln's Birthday – Friday, February 12th

Washington's Birthday (Pres. Day) – Monday, February 15th

Serving the Communities of Long Island City, Sunnyside, Woodside and Maspeth

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS BY AREA

Long Island City – Terry Adams, Claudia Chan, Sally Frank, Dana Frankel, William Garrett, Kenneth Greenberg, Benjamin Guttmann, Sheila Lewandowski, Charles Markey, Patrick O’Brien, Elliot Park, Lakshmi Reddy, Moitri Chowdhury Savard, Michael Son, Mary Torres, Rebecca Trent, Santiago Vargas

Sunnyside – Czarinna Andres, Diane Ballek, Sandra Bigitschke, Anna Thea Bridge, Stephen Cooper, Lisa Deller, Rev. Joseph Jerome, Badrun N. Khan, Marie Konecko, Jordan Levine, Dominick Lippolis, Donald

McCallian, Dorothy Morehead, Patrick Murray, Beth Sexton, Regina Shanley, Lauren Springer, Karolina Tosi

Woodside - Bessie Cassaro, Richard Gundlach, Anne Hart, Mohammed Z. Choudhury Jewel, Ellen Kang, Denise Keehan-Smith, Norberto Saldana, Elba Santiago, Carol Terrano, Anthony Tudela

The Board has received Notice of the following license applications:

NEW APPLICATIONS – ON PREMISES LIQUOR LICENSES AND RESTAURANT WINE BEER LICENSES

February 2016 Applications

Puebla Restaurant 2016 Corp.	39-22 61 st Street, Woodside, NY	Corporate Change-Rest.Beer/Wine
The Gutter Bar	10-22 46 th Avenue, LIC, NY	On-Premises Liquor License

Transfers /Alterations/Renewal

Glads 45 Inc. d/b/a Perlas	69-09 Roosevelt Avenue, Woodside, NY	Restaurant Wine License
First Davi Enterprises Inc. d/b/a Petes Grill	39-14 Queens Blvd., Sunnyside, NY	On-Premises Liquor License
Quinn Restaurant Corp. d/b/a Water’s Edge	4-01 44 th Drive, LIC, NY	On-Premises Liquor License
Angelo’s Pizza & Deli	32-19 Greenpoint Avenue, LIC, NY	Wine and Beer License
Puerto Escodido Food Corp.	64-01 Roosevelt Avenue, Woodside, NY	On-Premises Liquor License
Dee Thai Inc.	46-17 Queens Blvd., Sunnyside, NY	On-Premises Liquor License
Tangra Asian Fusion Cuisine	39-23 Queens Blvd., Sunnyside, NY	On-Premises Liquor License
Upstairs at Skillmans	32-00 Skillman Avenue, LIC, NY	On-Premises Liquor License
The Jar Bar	46-06 48 th Avenue, Woodside, NY	On-Premises Liquor License
Madera Pizza’s Grill d/b/a Madera Cuban Grill	47-29 Vernon Blvd., LIC, NY	On-Premises Liquor License
El Rancho de Andres Carne De Tres Inc.	58-06 Laurel Hill Blvd., Woodside, NY	On-Premises Liquor License
Manducatis Restaurant Inc.	13-27 Jackson Avenue, LIC, NY	On-Premises Liquor License
Aly Incorporated	21-59 44 th Drive, LIC, NY	On-Premises Liquor License
Elizabeth’s Deli Grocery Inc.	52-17 Roosevelt Avenue, Woodside, NY	Liquor License
LIC Star Inc.	47-15 11 th Street, LIC, NY	Beer Only
Flea Concessions LLC	5-25 46 th Avenue, LIC, NY	Summer Tavern Wine License

We invite comments from the community regarding any of the applications. If you have any such comments or questions, please call Community Board 2 at (718) 533-8773 or email at qn02@cb.nyc.gov



ADDRESSES WITHIN CB 2 SCHEDULED FOR DEMOLITION

5-25 47 th Road, Queens, NY	24-16 Queens Plaza So., Queens, NY
65-27 Roosevelt Avenue, Queens, NY	65-25 Roosevelt Avenue, Queens, NY
53-16 37 th Street, LIC, NY	39-65 47 th Street, Queens, NY



Snow Blizzard "Jonas" 2016

A Word from the District Manager ...

NEW YORK CITY SANITATION

Curbside collections after snow -

During winter weather, the Department of Sanitation may postpone collections to clear roadways for emergency responders. To learn when collections will resume, visit www.nyc.gov/sanitation or watch local news

Missed collections -

While residents may normally submit a complaint to 311 the morning after a missed collection, complaints are not accepted during a holiday, emergency or weather event. Feel free to call our office for assistance.

Property Owner Responsibilities –

Property owners – or their superintendents or tenants – must keep sidewalk areas surrounding their buildings clear after a winter storm. **Corner property owners should also clear a path to the crosswalk.**

Property owners should - disperse puddles and remove snow and ice from catch basins; clean snow and ice from sidewalks (ensuring a 48" wide path for wheelchairs or double strollers); not push snow and ice into the gutter, street or crosswalk; use snow-melting materials (such as salt or calcium chloride) if hardened snow or ice can't easily be removed. **For sidewalks that remain snow-covered or icy, you can file a complaint with 311 and contact CB2 at (718) 533-8773.**

Snow + Ice on Roadways –

Plowing streets –

Any unplowed streets can be reported to CB2 at (718) 533-8773.

*Sincerely,
Debra Markell Kleinert
District Manager*

SUNNYSIDE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCHEON

The Sunnyside Chamber of Commerce holds regular meetings – watch for notices to follow or go to their website at www.sunnysidechamberofcommerce.org for more information.

108TH COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the 108th Community Council will be held on:

Tuesday, February 23rd, 2016 @ 7:00 pm
SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY SERVICES
43-31 39TH STREET, Ground Floor
SUNNYSIDE, NY 11104



Please make every effort to show your support for the 108th Police Precinct by attending this informative and important meeting.

NYPD Community Affairs Bureau

Visit www.nypdcommunityaffairs.org for up-to-date information from the New York Police Department.

New York City Fire Department

To request a fire safety lecture or presentation, free of charge, contact the FDNY Fire Safety Education Unit at 718-281-3870. A minimum of two week's notice is required.



John V. Daniels, Jr. Post No. 2813 47-53 43rd Street

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
47-53 43rd Street, Sunnyside, NY. Please note
the address change of the new Post home.
Post meetings are always held the third
Saturday of the month. Their next meeting
will be **Saturday, February 20th, 2016 at 2 pm.**
For further information please call (718) 335-0700.



2016 MEETING DATES

DUTCH KILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

The Dutch Kills Civic Association holds their monthly meetings on the 2nd Thursday of every month, with the exception of January, July and August. Meetings are held at the Growing Up Green Charter School, 39-37 28th Street at 7:30 pm. Anyone interested in the association is welcome and encouraged to attend. The next meeting is **February 11th, 2016.**

UNITED FORTIES CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

Thursday, February 18th, 2016 at 7:00 pm
St. Teresa's Parish Center
50-22 44th Street, Woodside, NY 11377
Parking off 44th St. – yard adjoining the church

Department of Transportation

The following site has been approved for installation of a CityBench:

47-01 Queens Boulevard Nearest Cross Street: 47th Street & 48th Street



NYC Department of Buildings

"Living Safely" Campaign

This campaign was developed to help alert tenants of potentially unsafe and hazardous living conditions that often exist in illegal apartments and substandard housing, as well as to educate all New Yorkers on how to identify potentially dangerous living conditions inside their own homes. The City can immediately vacate unsafe illegal apartments or rooms. Landlords can be fined up to \$25,000 and face other penalties. To learn more about illegal living space or to request a Buildings Department inspection, call 311.

Health Insurance Link

NYC Health Insurance Link connects New Yorkers to health insurance coverage and care. Learn more at www.nyc.gov/HILink To apply now, visit www.nystateofhealth.ny.gov or call 311 to find an insurance assistor near you.

NYC. Health

Travel Warning for Pregnant Women - Zika Virus

Pregnant and traveling? Learn about Zika virus, and consider delaying travel to affected areas until health experts say it's safe. Zika spreads to people through mosquito bites-but not a bite from any mosquito. The mosquito that health experts believe spreads the virus lives in certain parts of the world. Zika is affecting parts of Central and South America, Mexico and the Caribbean. Most people infected with Zika don't get sick. However, Zika may cause birth defects. There is no vaccine. For more information and links to maps of the affected areas, visit www.nyc.gov/health and search Zika.

NYC Department of Buildings

Homeowners and Residents Night - Every Tuesday 4pm to 7pm

Borough Hall, 120-55 Queens Blvd., Kew Garden, NY

For more information visit www.NYC.gov/DOB

NYC Environmental Protection

Water Resources Art and Poetry Contest 2016

Second through 12th grade students from New York City and watershed schools are invited to submit art work (including media such as paintings, photos, digital art, videos) and poetry that creatively express knowledge, appreciation and understanding of New York's valuable shared water resources. Visit www.nyc.gov/dep/artandpoetry to view contest guidelines. The deadline for submitting entries to DEP is Friday, March 4, 2016.

NYC Department of Finance

Property owners who receive the Enhance School Tax Relief (ESTAR) exemption must confirm their eligibility every year by providing documents verifying their income. As a convenience, the Department of Finance (DOF) automatically verifies the income of STAR recipients through the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance's income verification program. However, ESTAR recipients have the right to opt out of the automatic process and submit their own renewal applications and proof of income to DOF each year. For more information visit www.nyc.gov/ownerexemption or call 311

NYC Human Resources Administration

*Connecting senior and people with disabilities to free and low-cost health insurance:
The Aged, Blind and Disabled (ABD) Project*

NYC is embarking on a new, New York State-funded initiative to better connect people who are 65 years and older and have low-income to free and low-cost health insurance options. NYC Human Resources Administration's Office of Citywide Health Insurance Access (HRA OCHIA) has partnered with the City's Department for the Aging (DFTA) and Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) to expand health insurance access to this vulnerable group of New Yorkers. In the coming months, HRA OCHIA, DFTA and DOHMH will open health insurance assistance and enrollment offices at 12 Senior Centers around NYC. Trained assistors will help seniors enroll in Medicaid and financial assistance program for Medicare. Assistance will be offered in multiple languages. Visit www.nyc.gov/hilink to learn more about health coverage and care options.

Queens Greenmarket Sunnyside – Saturdays

Skillman Avenue & 43rd Street – 8am to 3pm
9am- 1pm: Textile & rechargeable battery recycling
10am-1pm: Food scrap collection (by BIG! COMPOST)
Visit www.grownyc.org for more information

NYC Parks - GreenThumb

Community Garden Youth Leadership Council

The Youth Leadership Council is designed to have high school youths and college students participate in one or more community gardens located throughout the 5 Boroughs! The program is a great way to give back to the community, receive volunteer hours, make friends, learn new skills and have fun! The requirement to join is for students to volunteer at a garden at least twice a month and cumulate a total of 20 volunteer hours throughout the summer. The deadline to apply for high school aged youths is March 31st, 2016. For more information and to apply contact Matthew Melore at matthew.melore@parks.nyc.gov or call 212-602-5323.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

NYC Department of Sanitation – Emergency snow laborers needed – Register now to help clear snow and ice after major winter storms. Individuals interested in can do so at their local district garage, weekdays between 7am and 3pm. Visit www.nyc.gov/sanitation for a list of garages. Snow laborers will be paid \$13.50 per hour, and \$20.25 per hour after working 40 hours in a week.

NYC Center for Materials Reuse – Reuse NYC is seeking to hire a full-time Program Communications and Outreach Coordinator to help extend its outreach through social media presence, external advertisement placement and targeted member outreach. Visit the Reuse NYC website as well as the NYC Compost site and scroll down for job listing.

SERVICES

HANAC – Western Queens Caregivers Network – Are you caring for a parent, spouse, or friend with Alzheimer's, dementia or another chronic illness? Weekly caregivers support group, counseling sessions, information and referrals. For further information call (718) 777-6941.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

NYC Department of Youth and Community Development – Ladders for Leaders internship program. Ladders for Leaders provides young adults between the ages of 16-21 with the opportunity to complete a dynamic six week summer internship with some of the most sought after public and private organizations in New York City. The application will remain open through April 4, 2016. More information can be found at <http://www.nyc.gov/html/jobs/ladders.shtml>

LaGuardia Community College Green Jobs Training Program – To obtain skills for a job in Green Cleaning & Waste Management and OSHA training in April – on line registration is open. To apply visit www.greenworkforcenyc.org or call 718-663-8407

Veterans Family (spouse or dependent) – Career counseling. Academic/college Prep & Training – Get into college. Get job training. Call (718) 482-5386 or visit www.lagcc.cuny.edu/veterans

Queens Workforce 1 Career Center
168-25 Jamaica Avenue, 2nd Fl.
Jamaica, NY 11432
Tel: 718-557-6755
Website: www.nyc.gov/workforce1

LaGuardia Workforce 1 Career Center
29-10 Thomson Avenue, Rm. C-400, 4 Fl
LIC, NY 11101
Tel: 718-609-2130

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

The State Education Department – Office of Adult Career and Continuing Education Services
Vocational Rehabilitation – if you have a disability, are unemployed and looking for work contact ACCES-VR at 347-510-3100 for further information and visit www.acces.nysed.gov

For Veterans Only FREE Evening College Prep and GED classes at LaGuardia Community College. Call (718) 482-5386/5231 and ask for Elizabeth Allen, Program Assistant or visit www.lagcc.cuny.edu/veterans
Email: vets@lagcc.cuny.edu

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If you would like to submit a flyer or a special meeting notice for the community, please do so by the third week of the month for the following month's newsletter. E-mail at qn02@cb.nyc.gov, call (718) 533-8773 or Fax 718-533-8777

WHAT ARE PREMIUM TAX CREDITS?

Understanding Your Premium Tax Credit: Options for Individuals and Families

Many individuals and families can get a **premium tax credit**. With a tax credit, you pay less for health insurance.

What Are Premium Tax Credits and How Do They Work? Premium tax credits reduce the cost of health insurance. You can apply for premium tax credits in the NY State of Health marketplace. If you qualify for a tax credit you have two options:

- **Get it “in advance”** - With this option, you can choose for some or all of the credit to be applied to your monthly health plan premium. You pay a part of the premium and the IRS pays the rest.
 - * **Important!** If you earn more than you expected (for example - you get a raise or bonus), you must report this change to the NY State of Health. Otherwise, you could have to pay money back to the IRS.
- **Get it “later”** - With this option, you pay the full premium each month and claim the credit when you file your taxes at the end of the year. The credit will lower the amount you owe in taxes or give you money back from the IRS if you don't owe any taxes.

Can I Get a Tax Credit?

You and your family may qualify for a premium tax credit if:

- You do not have or are not eligible for health insurance through a government health plan through a government health plan such as Medicaid.
- Your family earns less than specified dollar amounts each year; and
- Your employer does **not** offer health insurance or the health insurance you are offered is **“unaffordable”** (costs more than 9.5% of your household income) or **“inadequate”** (does not cover at least 60% of medical costs).



How Much of a Tax Credit Can I Get?

The amount will depend on your family size and income. Families and individuals with lower incomes will qualify for the most assistance.

Do I Have to File an Income Tax Return to Get the Premium Tax Credit?

Yes. Even if you choose to get the tax credit in advance, you must still file your taxes for the year.

Can Tax Credits Be Used for Any Health Insurance Plan?

No, **premium tax credits can only be used for health insurance purchased through the NY State of Health**. The marketplace offers qualified health plans with comprehensive benefits like prescription coverage, hospital stays, and doctor visits.

What If My Income Changes, or I Get Married, Divorced, or Have a Child?

You must tell the NY State of Health if your income or family size changes. The Marketplace will then re-calculate your credit.

What if I Don't Owe Any Taxes? Can I Still Get a Credit?

Yes, the premium tax credit is **refundable**. That means that if you do not owe taxes, the IRS will deposit into your banking account or mail you a check for the amount of the credit.

To learn more about the health care law and to see if you qualify for a premium tax credit, visit the NY State of Health at nystateofhealth.ny.gov or call 1-855-355-5777

NYC
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Department of
Social Services

**HEALTH
INSURANCE
LINK**

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