COMMUNITY BOARD 8, Queens

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2nd Vice Chair – Martha Taylor
3rd Vice Chair – Seymour Schwartz
Executive Secretary – Carolyn Baker-Brown
Treasurer – Maria DeInnocentiis
Budget Director - Vacant

MONTHLY MEETINGS

2nd Wednesday
Hillcrest Jewish Center
183-02 Union Turnpike

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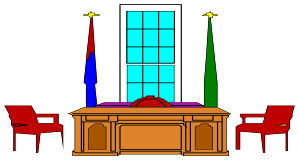
THE EVOLUTION OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD

The adoption of the 1975 City Charter, effective January 1977, gave the city's Community Board a formal role in decisions on land use, in the preparation of the capital and expense budgets, and in monitoring service delivery.

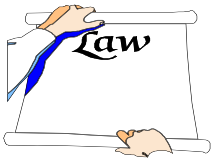
Community Boards are local representative bodies, Each of the 59 Boards throughout the City of New York consists of up to 50 unsalaried members appointed by the Borough President, with half nominated by the City Council Members who represent the Community. By selecting active and involved members of the Community, the Borough President assures that every neighborhood within the Community will be represented. Board Members must reside, work or have some other significant interest in the Community. The issues dealt with by the Boards are as varied as the communities they represent. At one end of the spectrum, a Board may conduct a study and issue a report on the likely impact of a multi-million dollar waterfront development proposal. At the other, its District Office may be asked to get a "NO Parking" sign replaced.

In 1989, the voters of New York City ratified new Charter provisions, radically changing the roles and structures that defined how the City Government dealt with the budget, land-use matters, and service delivery. The Community Board's important roles in all of these areas were either expanded or reaffirmed by the new Charter.

Over the years, there has been a steady growth in the acceptance of Community Boards by their communities and by City agencies. The process of evolution continues, still in the direction of decentralization and citizen involvement, and all eyes remain on the Community Boards as they strive to fulfill the promise intended in their creation.



ELECTED OFFICIALS



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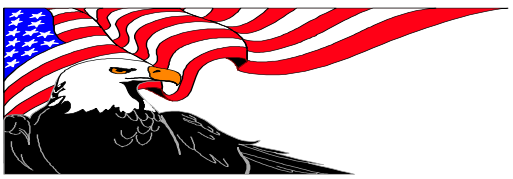

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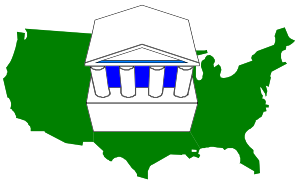


COMMUNITY BOARD 8 AREA MAP

Area 1

Allen Bennett, Chair
Susan D. Cleary
Florence Fisher
Joshua Glikman
Mitch Lisker
Simon Pelman
Michael Sidell
Jacob Weinberg

Area 2

Seymour Schwartz, Chair
Carolyn Baker-Brown
Allen Eisenstein
Elke Maerz
Virginia Rallis
Charlton Rhee
Albert Willingham

Area 3

Kevin Forrestal, Chair
Dilafroz Ahmed
Paul Lazauskas
Frances Peterson
Samuel Rodriguez
Anna Sawchuk

Area 4

Jagir Singh Bains, Chair
Kenneth Cohen II
Steven Konigsberg
Annie Salvatore
Alvin Warshaviak

Area 5

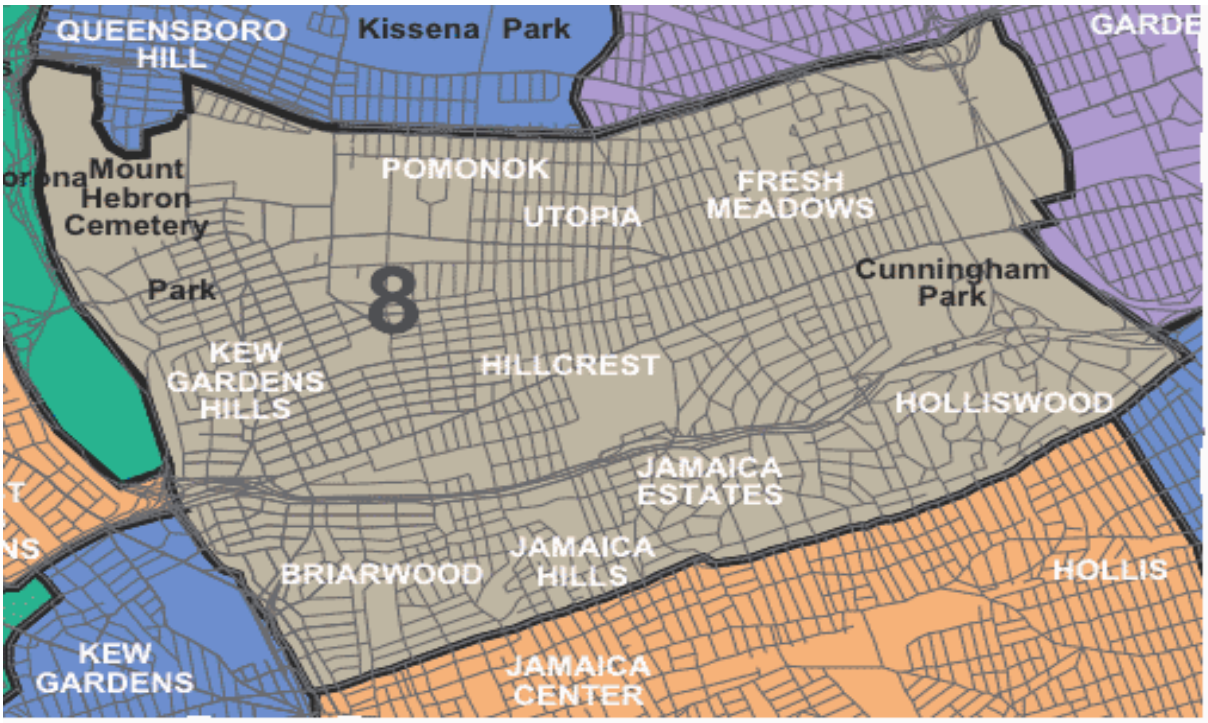
Mary Maggio Fischer, Chair
Monica Corbett
Brian DeMasters
Carolann Foley
Frank Magri
Steven Sadofsky
Stanley Weinblatt

Area 6

Maria DeInnocentiis, Chair
James Gallagher, Jr
Robert Harris
Tami Hirsch
Tamara Osherov

Area 7

Mark Lefkof, Chair
Robert H. Block
Edward Chung
Howard A. Fried
Marc A. Haken
Michael Hannibal
Jesse Rosenbaum
Harbachan Singh
Martha Taylor



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(718) 380-3955

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Flushing Heights Civic Association
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Corrine DiStephan, President
171-16 84th Road
Jamaica, NY 11432

Hillcrest-Jamaica Hill Neighborhood Development Association
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Flushing, NY 11367
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107th Precinct Community Council, Inc.
Carolann Foley, President
71-01 Parsons Boulevard
Flushing, NY 11365

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROVIDERS

Association for the Advancement of the Blind & Retarded
15-08 College Point Blvd.
P.O. Box 560247, College Point, NY 11356
(718) 523-2222

Briarwood Family Residence
80-20 134th Street
Briarwood, NY 11435
(718) 268-3395

Community Mediation Services, Inc.
89-64 163rd Street
Jamaica, NY 11432
(718) 523-6868

QSPCC – Jamaica Family Resource Center
90-04 161st Street, Room 304
Jamaica, NY 11432
(718) 291-7100

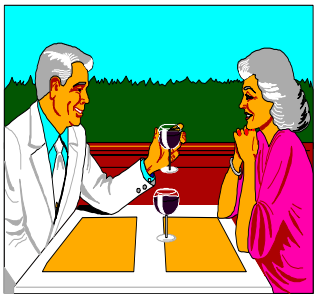
Advanced Center for Psychotherapy
178-10 Wexford Terrace
Jamaica Estates, NY 11432
(718) 658-1123

Covenant House New York
159-17 Hillside Avenue
Jamaica, NY 11432
(718) 725-9851

Queens Interfaith Hunger Network
87-04 88th Avenue
Woodhaven, NY 11421
(718) 847-9200

Queens Legal Services
89-00 Sutphin Boulevard, 2nd Floor
Jamaica, NY 11432
(718) 657-8611

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTERS



BFFY-Alzheimer's Day Care
Ron Carson, Program Director
157-16 65th Avenue
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BBFY-Hillcrest Senior Center
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(718) 726-4187

Jewish Center of Kew Gardens
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Pomonok Senior Center
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Young Israel of Queens Valley
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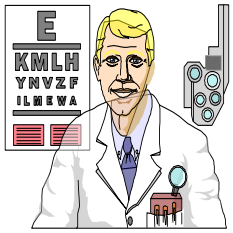
RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES

NURSING HOMES AND HOSPITAL INPATIENT UNITS

Facility Name	*Facility Address*	*Facility Type*	*Facility Capacity*
Chapin Home for the Aging	*165-01 Chapin Parkway*	*Residential Health Care*	*220*
Hillside Manor Health Related	*182-15 Hillside Avenue*	*Residential Health Care*	*400*
Holliswood Hospital	*87-37 Palermo Street*	*Hospital*	*100*
Margaret Tietz Center for Nursing Care	*164-11 Chapin Parkway*	*Residential Health Care*	*200*
Meadow Park Nursing Home	*78-10 164th Street*	*Residential Health Care*	*143*
Queens Hospital Center	*82-68 164th Street*	*Hospital*	*200*
Silvercrest	*144-45 87th Avenue*	*Residential Health Care*	*320*
AMBULATORY FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS			
Jamaica-Hillside Child Health Center	*164-19 Hillside Avenue*	*Mental Infant Program*	*NA*
ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES			
Aurora Concept Inc	*78-39 Parsons Boulevard*	*Drug Free Comm. Resid.*	*84*
Queens Hospital Center, Alcohol.Clinic	*82-68 164th Street*	*Day Treatment – Alcoholism Clinic*	*20*
Queens Hospital Center, Detox Unit	*82-68 164 Street*	*Resident. Drug Free Facility*	*31*
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES			
Advanced Ctr. for Psychotherapy Treatment	*178-10 Wexford Terrace*	*Mental Health Clinic – Day*	
Aurora Concept Mental Health Clinic	*78-31 Parsons Boulevard*	*Mental Health Clinic – Day Treatment*	
Queens Hospital Ctr. Inpatient Psych. Unit	*82-68 164th Street*	*Hospital Based Inpatient Care Mental*	*66*
Queens Child Guidance Center K.G.H.	*71-50 Parsons Blvd.*	*Mental Health Clinic – Day Treatment*	
SCO Family of Services	*85-70 148th Street*	*Mental Health Clinic – Day Treatment*	*56*
TSI – Hope House II	*84-23 & 84-25 168th Street*	*Community Based Resid. – Mental*	*14*
MENTAL RETARDATION & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES			
AABR/Parkway Village #1	*147-09 Grand Central Parkway*	*Community Residence – MR/DD*	*5*
AABR/Parkway Village	*147-53 Grand Central Parkway*	*Community Residence – MR/DD*	*5*
Assn. for Help of Retarded Children	*75-67 196th Place*	*Residential Alternative – MR/DD*	*6*
Assn. for Help of Retarded Children	*198-22 McLaughlin Avenue*	*Residential Alternative*	*10*
Bais Ezra, Inc.	*71-40 Kissena Boulevard*	*Intermediate Care Facility – MR/DD*	*10*
Bernard Fineson Devel. Center	*73-32 172nd Street*	*Residential Alternative – MR/DD*	*5*
Bernard Fineson Devel. Center	*84-51 169th Street*	*Residential Alternative*	*11*
Camary Statewide Services Corp.	*191-55 Foothill Avenue*	*Intermediate Care Facility*	*10*
Foothill AOBH	*198-17 Foothill Avenue*	*Agency Operated Boarding Home*	*6*
Jewish Child Care Assn. ABH 77 Ave.	*162-08 77th Avenue*	*Agency Operated Boarding Home*	*6*
St. Vincent's Services	*167-01 Highland Avenue*	*Group Foster Home*	*12*
Professional Service Center for Handicap	*186-55 Grand Central Pkwy*	*Intermediate Care Facility*	*9*
SCO Family of Services	*150-71 87th Road*	*Group Foster Home*	*10*
St. Christopher-Ottili	*88-22 161st Street*	*MR/DD*	*24*
St Christopher-Ottili	*100-42 201 St. Street*	*Boarding Home*	*8*
Transitional Living Home	*206-23 Hillside Avenue*	*Agency Operated Boarding Home*	*6*
UCPA of Queens, Inc.	*87-14 Midland Parkway*	*Intermediate Care Facility*	*4*
Queens Center for Progress	*81-15 164th Street*	*Clinic/Day Treatment/Training, Sheltered Workshop*	
Jewish Child Care Assn. GH 76 Ave.	*162-19 76th Avenue*	*Group Foster Home*	*8*
QSAC	*75-32 Parsons Boulevard.*		*4*
YAI	*135-39 Union Turnpike*		*8*
ACRMD	*87-30 Chevy Chase*		*6*
Bais Ezra	*75-80 178 Street*		*7*
AHRC	*73-64 194 Street*		*6*
AABR	*172-54 Highland Avenue*	*Individual Residential Alternative*	*8*
Bernard Fineson Devel. Center	*144-52 87 Avenue*		*5*
ANIBIC	*85-15 Main Street*		*2*
Bernard Fineson Devel. Center	*147-20 84 Drive*		
Bernard Fineson Devel. Center	*75-18 190 Street*		*8*
UCP of New York	*141-30 84th Road*	*Community Residence –MR/DD*	*4*
Anibic	*139-09 84th Drive, Apt. 210*	*Community Residential Facility*	*3*
Life's WORC	*196-45 Pompeii Avenue*	*Community Residential Facility*	*6*
AHRC	*152-18 Union Turnpike, Apt.2E*	*Community Residential Facility*	*4*
HeartShare HumanServices	*71-15 Park Avenue*	*Community Residential Facility*	*3*
HeartShare HumanServices	*71-16 166th Street*	*Community Residential Facility*	*6*

MEDICAL CENTERS & FACILITIES



Holliswood Hospital
87-37 Palermo Street
(800) 486-3005

Queens Hospital Center
82-68 164th Street
(718) 883-3000

RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES AND FOOD PROGRAMS

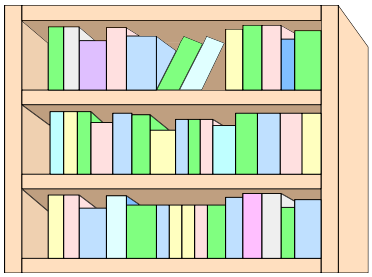
Briarwood Family Residence
Family Homeless Facility
80-20 134th Street
Tel. # (718) 268-3395

Aids Center Queens County #2
Food Pantry
175-61 Hillside Avenue
Tel. # (718) 739-2525

St. Nicholas of Tolentine
Food Pantry
150-75 Goethals Avenue
Tel. # (718) 969-3226

First United Methodist Church
Food Pantry
162-10 Highland Avenue
Tel. # (718) 739-2269

Bureau Maternity Svcs &Family
Food Pantry
164-19 Hillside Avenue
Tel. # (718) 526-4333



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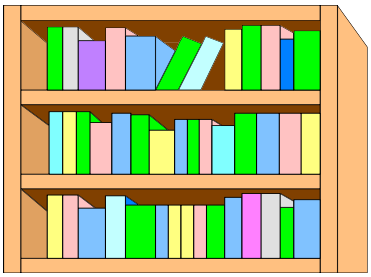

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Jamaica, NY 11435
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Hollis
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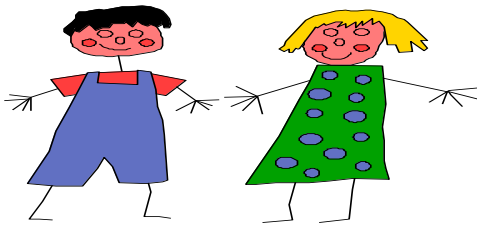
Kew Gardens Hills
Susan Wetjen, Manager
72-33 Vleigh Place
Flushing, NY 11367
(718) 261-6654

Hillcrest
Ms. Bishop, Manager
187-05 Union Turnpike
Flushing, NY 11366
(718) 454-2786

Pomonok
Sharon Banks, Manager
158-21 Jewel Avenue
Flushing, NY 11365
(718) 591-4343



EARLY CHILD CARE SERVICES & PROGRAMS

All My Children Day Care /Nursery
169-07 Jewel Avenue
Flushing, NY 11365
Tel. # (718) 969-4924

All My Children Day Care/Nursery
175-44 Mayfield Road
Jamaica, NY 11432
Tel. # (718) 658-1563

Gan Eden Pre-School
78-15 Parsons Blvd.
Flushing, NY 11366
Tel. # (718) 591-0783

Ideal Montessori School
87-41 165th Street
Jamaica, NY 11432
Tel. # (718) 523-6237

Jack & Jill Nursery School
68-05 Fresh Meadow Lane
Flushing, NY 11365
Tel. # (718) 939-8687

Kids Circle Day Care Center
164-04 Goethals Avenue
Jamaica, NY 11432
Tel. # (718) 380-1280

Little Friends House II
75-41 164th Street
Flushing, NY 11366
Tel. # (718) 380-8800

Mini Nursery
65-76 162nd Street
Flushing, NY 11365
Tel. # (718) 969-1097

New Milestone Preschool
158-13 72nd Avenue
Flushing, NY 11365
(718) 380-1978

Queens Center for Progress
(United Cerebral Palsy of Queens)
82-25 164th Street
Jamaica, NY 11432
Tel. # (718) 380-3000

Rainbow Montessori International
150-30 Union Turnpike
Flushing, NY 11367
Tel. # (718)380-1384

Second Housing Nursery
161-55 Jewel Avenue
Flushing, NY 11365
Tel. # (718) 969-0021

SCHOOLS

PS 26 *195-02 69th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11365*
Tel. # (718) 464-4505

PS 86 *87-41 Parsons Blvd., Jamaica, NY 11432*
Tel. # (718) 291-6264

PS 117 *85-15 143rd Street, Jamaica, NY 11435*
Tel. # (718) 526-4780

PS 131 *170-45 84th Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11432*
Tel. # (718) 739-4229

PS 154 *75-02 162nd Street, Flushing, NY 11366*
Tel. # (718) 591-1500

PS 164 *138-01 77th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11367*
Tel. # (718) 544-1083

PS 165 *70-35 150th Street, Flushing, NY 11367*
Tel. # (718)263-4004

PS 173 *174-10 67th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11365*
Tel. # (718) 358-2243

PS 178 *189-10 Radnor Road, Jamaica, NY 11423*
Tel. # (718) 464-5763

PS 200 *70-10 164 Street, Flushing, NY 11365*
Tel. # (718) 969-7780

PS 201 *65-11 155 Street, Flushing, NY 11367*
Tel. # (718) 359-0620

JHS 216 *64-20 175 Street, Flushing, NY 11365*
Tel. # (718) 358-2005

JHS 217 *85-05 144 Street, Jamaica, NY 11435*
Tel. # (718)657-1120

PS 219 *144-39 Gravett Road, Flushing, NY 11367*
Tel. # (718) 793-2130

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Tel. # (718) 591-9000

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Tel. # (718) 380-2969

PS 255 *158-40 76 Road, Flushing, NY 11366*
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PS 499 (Queens College School) *148-20 Reeves Avenue, Flushing, NY 11367*
Tel. # (718) 461-7462

PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

Gateway to Health Sciences HS
150-91 87 Road Jamaica, NY 11432
Tel. # (718) 739-8080

Hillcrest High School
160-05 Highland Ave, Jamaica, NY 11432
Tel. # (718) 658-5407

Jamaica High School
167-01 Gothic Drive, Jamaica, NY 11432
Tel. # (718) 739-5942

John Bowne High School
63-25 Main Street, Flushing, NY 11367
Tel. # (718) 263-1919

North Queens Community High School
141-25 77 Road, Flushing, NY 11367
Tel. # (718) 935-3601

RFK Community High School
75-40 Parsons Blvd, Flushing, NY 11366
Tel. # (718) 969-5510

Thomas Edison Voc & Tech HS
165-65 84 Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11432
Tel. # (718) 297-6580

Townsend Harris High School
149-11 Melbourne Ave, Flushing, NY 11367
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Beacon 216
Ryan J. H. S.
64-20 175th Street, Flushing, NY 11365
Tel. # (718) 445-6983

Beacon 168
Parsons J. H. S.
158-40 76th Road, Flushing, NY 11366
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Archbishop Iakovos School (9-12)
84-16 Parsons Blvd, Jamaica 11432
Tel. # (718)523-6799

Archbishop Molloy HS (9-12)
83-53 Manton Street, Jamaica 11435
Tel. # (718) 441-2100

Bnos Malka Academy (K-8)
188-15 McLaughlin Avenue, Jamaica 11423
Tel. # (718)736-9159

Henry G. Birch School (K-12)
71-64 168 Street, Flushing 11365
Tel. # (718) 591-8100

Highland Elementary School (K-8)
193-10 Peck Ave, Flushing 11365
Tel. # (718) 357-4747

Holy Family School (Pre K-8)
74-15 175 Street, Flushing 11366
Tel. # (718) 969-2124

Immaculate Conception School (K-8)
179-14 Dalny Road, Jamaica 11432
Tel. # (718) 739-5933

Mary Lewis Academy (9-12)
176-21 Wexford Terrace, Jamaica 11432
Tel. # (718) 297-2120

Queens Yeshiva K'Tana (K-8)
78-15 Parsons Blvd, Flushing 11366
Tel. # (718) 969-1000

Shevack High School (9-12)
75-09 Main Street, Flushing 11367
Tel. # (718) 263-0525

St. Demetrios Day School (Pre K-8)
84-35 152 Street, Jamaica 11432
Tel. # (718) 526-2622

St. Francis Preparatory HS (9-12)
61-00 Francis Lewis Blvd, Flushing 11365
Tel. # (718) 423-8810

St. Nicholas of Tolentine (Pre K-8)
80-22 Parsons Blvd, Jamaica 11432
Tel. # (718) 380-1900

Solomon Schechter School (K-8)
76-16 Parsons Blvd, Flushing 11366
Tel. # (718) 591-9800

Summit School (6-12)
187-30 Grand Central Pkwy, Jamaica 11432
Tel. # (718) 264-2931

United Nations Internat. School (K-6)
173-53 Croydon Road, Jamaica 11432
Tel. # (718) 658-6166

Yeshiva Berachel David (9-12)
150-62 78 Road, flushing 11367
Tel. # (718) 591-9574

Yeshiva of Central Queens (K-8)
147-37 70 Road, Flushing 11367
Tel. # (718) 793-8500

Yeshiva High School of Queens (9-12)
86-86 Palo Alton Ave, Jamaica 11423
Tel. # (718) 479-8550

Yeshiva Ohel Simcha (K-4)
141-41 72 Ave, Flushing 11367
Tel. # (718) 261-0101

Queens College
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Flushing, NY 11367
Tel. # (718) 997-5000

Queens College – School of Law
65-21 Main Street
Flsuhing, NY 11367
Tel. # (718) 340-4200

St. John's University
8000 Utopia Parkway
Jamaica, NY 11439
Tel. # (718) 990-6161

Touro College
75-31 150 Street
Flushing, NY 11367
Tel. # (718) 261-1133

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Tel. # (718) 380-3000 Ext. 265

For children up to five years old who have mentally, physically or emotionally handicapped problems. Free consultation assistance.

LITTLE MEADOWS EARLY CHILDHOOD CTR
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Non-emergency calls - 311

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153-11 Hillside Avenue

ENGINE 299 – LADDER 152
61-20 Utopia Parkway

ENGINE 315 – LADDER 125
159-06 Union Turnpike

SATELLITE #4
108-01 Horace Harding Expressway

POLICE DEPARTMENT

107th POLICE PRECINCT
71-01 Parsons Blvd. (718) 969-5100

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198-15 Grand Central Parkway

MOUNTED TROOP F
198-15 Grand Central Parkway

PSA #9 – HOUSING POLICE
155-09 Jewel Avenue, 591-4337

QNS BORO SOUTH COMMAND
71-05 Parsons Boulevard

TRANSIT POLICE – DISTRICT 20
Briarwood Station

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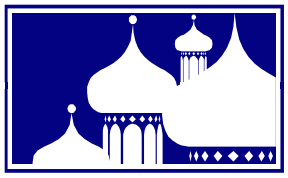
43-14 162nd Street
Emergency: (718) 353-4900
Office: (718) 353-4965

HATZOLAH
(718) 387-1750

JAMAICA ESTATES VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE
79-42 208th Street
Emergency: (718) 464-0300
Office: (718) 464-0592



RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

Aderes Eliyahu
144-49 72nd Drive, Flushing, NY 11367
(718) 268-0744

Agudath Israel of Kew Gardens Hills
147-37 70th Road, Flushing, NY 11367
(718) 335-3844

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community
188-15 McLaughlin Avenue, Hollis, NY 11423
(718) 479-3345

All Saints Lutheran Church
164-02 Goethals Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11432
(718) 380-4710

American Friends of Ner Yaakov
144-25 Jewel Avenue, Flushing, NY 11367

Arya Spiritual Center
85-61 144 Street, Jamaica, NY 11435
(718) 297-8487

Ascension Lutheran Church
80-10 Main Street, Jamaica, NY 11435
(718) 380-1892

Bais Chabad
77-03 Main Street, Flushing, NY 11367
(718) 380-7050

Bais Yosef Ulem
139-19 72nd Road, Flushing, NY 11367
(718) 263-8486

Bishop Molloy Retreat House
86-45 Edgerton Blvd., Jamaica, NY 11432
(718) 739-1229

Blessed Hope Christian Church
196-27 Foothill Avenue, Hollis, NY 11423

Briarwood Jewish Center
139-06 86th Avenue, Briarwood, NY 11435
(718) 657-5151

Chabad of Queens College
144-03 69 Avenue, Flushing, NY 11367
(718) 793-0740

Christ Lutheran Church
188-12 73rd Avenue, Flushing, NY 11366
(718) 464-0270

Church of New York
87-60 Chevy Chase St., Jamaica, NY 11432
(718) 454-4834

Congregation Ahavas Yisroel of Kew Gardens
147-02 73rd Avenue, Flushing, NY 11367
(718) 520-6273

Congregation Anshei Shalom of Jamaica Estates
80-15 Kent Street, Jamaica Estates, NY 11432
718-380-4160

Congregation B'Nai Abraham
75-03 Main St., Flushing, NY 11367
(718) 261-4580

Congregation Bais Eliahu Mordechai
68-48 147th Street, Flushing, NY 11367

Congregation Bene Naharayin
85-34 Midland Pkway, Jamaica Est., NY 11432
(718) 297-5737

Congregation Chasam Sofer
141-50 70th Road, Flushing, NY 11367
(718) 268-4257

Congregation Degel Israel
144-02 68th Drive, Flushing, NY 11367
(718) 544-9754

Congregation Etz Chaim of Kew Gardens Hills
147-19 73rd Avenue, Flushing, NY 11367
(718) 261-5883

Congregation Machzikei Hadas
147-32 73rd Avenue, Flushing, NY 11367

Congregation Mikveh Israel of Kew Gardens Hills
71-11 Vleigh Place, Flushing, NY 11367

Congregation Nachlas Yitzchak
141-43 73rd Ave., Flushing, NY 11367
(718) 520-0115

Congregation Torah Ladaas
138-53 77th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11367
(718) 544-8497

Congregation Torah Emeth
78-15 Parsons Blvd., Fresh Meadows, NY 11366
(718)591-4240

First United Methodist Church of Jamaica
162-10 Highland Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11432
(718) 739-2269

Highland Church
87-24 162nd Street, Jamaica, NY 11432
(718) 297-7475

Hillcrest Gospel Chapel
158-48 77th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11366
(718) 591-8511

Hillcrest Jewish Center
183-02 Union Turnpike, Flushing, NY 11366
(718) 380-4145

Hollis Unitarian Church
195-39 Hillside Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11423

Holy Family Roman Catholic Church
175-20 74th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11365
(718) 969-2448

Immaculate Conception Church
86-45 Edgerton Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11432
(718) 739-0880

Israel Center of Conservative Judaism
167-11 73rd Avenue, Flushing, NY 11366
(718) 591-5353

Jamaica Muslim Center
85-37 168 Street, Jamaica, NY 11432
(718) 739-3182

Jewish Center of Kew Gardens Hills
71-25 Main Street, Flushing, NY 11367
(718) 263-6500

Jewish Center of Torah Emeth
78-15 Parsons Blvd., Flushing, NY 11367
(718) 461-8347

Jewish Heritage Center of Queens
68-29 Main Street
(718) 575-3100

Kehilas Ishei Yisrael
147-37 70 Road, Flushing, NY 11367
(718)263-8939

Kehilat Nachalat Yoses
141-56 73rd Avenue, Flushing, NY 11367
(718)575-9737

Kehilat Sefardim of Ahavat Achim
150-62 78th Road, Flushing, NY 11367
(718) 969-1855

Kehilat Shaarei Teshuva
144-35 71st Avenue, Flushing, NY 11367
(718)796-2886

Khal Nachlas Yereim of Hillcrest
141-39 73rd Avenue, Fresh Meadows, NY 11366
(718)969-7083

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
157-16 65th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11367
(718)358-2744

Magan Avraham
141-21 72nd Avenue, Flushing, NY 11367
(718) 520-8008

Ohr Moshe
170-16 73rd Avenue, Fresh Meadows, NY 11366

Queens Christian Reformed Church
143-55 84th Drive, Jamaica, NY 11435
(718)658-1151

Queen of Peace R.C. Church
141-36 77th Road, Flushing, NY 11367
(718) 380-5031

Sephardic Congregation Magen Avraham
141-41 72nd Avenue, Flushing, NY 11367

Sephardic Congregation of Kew Gardens Hills
147-41 72nd Ave, Flushing, NY 11367

St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church
84-35 152nd Street, Jamaica, NY 11432
(718) 291-2420

St. Nicholas Albanian Orthodox Church
181-14 Midland Parkway, Jamaica, NY 11432
(718) 380-5684

St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church
150-75 Goethals Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11432
(718) 591-1815

Tikvas Israel Shalom
141-25 70th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11367

Torah Center of Hillcrest
171-05 Jewel Avenue, Flushing, NY 11365
(718) 969-8479

Utopia Jewish Center
64-41 Utopia Parkway, Flushing, NY 11365
(718) 461-8347

Vaishnav Temple of New York
196-43 Foothill Avenue, Hollis, NY 11423

Young Israel of Queens Valley
141-55 77th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11367
(718) 263-3921

Victoria Congregational Church
144-64 87th Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11365
(718)297-9733

Yeshiva of Central Queens
147-37 70th Road, Flushing, NY 11367
(718) 793-8500

Yeshiva Kesser Torah
72-11 Vleigh Place, Flushing, NY 11367

Yeshiva Ohr Hachaim
141-61 71st Avenue, Flushing, NY 11367

Young Israel of Briarwood
84-75 Daniel Street, Jamaica, NY 11435
(718) 657-2880

Young Israel of Hillcrest
169-07 Jewel Avenue, Flushing, NY 11365
(718) 969-2990

Young Israel of Holliswood
86-25 Francis Lewis Blvd., Holliswood, NY 11427
(718) 776-8500

Young Israel of Jamaica Estates
83-10 188th Street, Jamaica, NY 11423
(718) 479-7500

Young Israel of Kew Gardens Hills
70-11 150th Street, Flushing, NY 11367
(718) 261-9723

PLACES OF INTEREST

AFRIKAN POETRY THEATRE, INC.
176-03 Jamaica Avenue, Jamaica, 11432
(718) 523-3312
www.afrikanpoetrytheatre.com

ALLEY POND ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER
228-06 Northern Boulevard, Douglaston 11362
(718) 229-4000
www.alleypond.com

ALLIANCE OF QUEENS ARTISTS
99-10 Metropolitan Avenue, Forest Hills 11375
(718) 520-9842

AMERICAN MUSEUM OF MOVING IMAGE
36-01 35th Avenue, Astoria 11106
(718) 784-4520
www.movingimage.us

COLDEN CENTER OF PERFORMING ARTS
Queens College
65-30 Kissena Boulevard, Flushing 11367
(718) 793-8080
www.kupferbergcenter.org

GODWIN-TERNBACH MUSEUM
Queens College, Paul Klapper Building
65-30 Kissena Boulevard
(718) 520-7000
www.kupferbergcenter.org

ISAMU NOGUCHI GARDEN MUSEUM
32-37 Vernon Boulevard, LIC 11106
(718) 204-7088
www.noguchi.org

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A gallery that integrates artist with disabilities.
140-40 Jamaica Avenue
(718) 658-2526

JAMAICA ARTS CENTER
161-04 Jamaica Avenue, Jamaica 11432
(718) 658-7400
www.jcal.org

KING MANOR MUSEUM
King Park
Jamaica Avenue & 153rd Street, Jamaica 11432
(718) 206-0545
www.kingmanor.org

LAGUARDIA & WAGNER ARCHIVES
LaGuardia Community College
31-10 Thomson Avenue, LIC 11101
(718) 482-7200
laguardiawagnerarchive.lagcc.cuny.edu

NEW YORK HALL OF SCIENCE
47-01 111th Street
(718) 699-0005
www.nysci.org

PAUL KLAPPER LIBRARY ART CENTER
Queens College
Kissena Blvd. & Horace Harding Expressway
(718) 520-7000

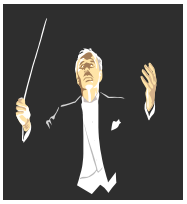
QNSBORO COMM. COLLEGE ART GALLERY
222-05 56th Avenue, Bayside 11364
(718) 631-6396
qcc.cuny.edu/artgallery

QUEENS BOTANICAL GARDEN
43-50 Main Street, Flushing 11355
(718) 886-3800
www.queensbotanical.org

QUEENS COUNTY FARM MUSEUM
Working farm, historic house tours and hayrides.
73-50 Little Neck Parkway, Floral Park 11004
(718) 347-3276
www.queensfarm.org

QUEENS HISTORICAL SOCIETY
143-35 37th Avenue, Flushing 11354
(718) 939-0647
www.queenshistorical society.org

QUEENS LIBRARY GALLERY
89-11 Merrick Boulevard
(718) 990-0700
www.queenslibrary.org



QUEENS MUSEUM OF ART
Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, 11368
(718) 592-9700
www.queensmuseum.org

QUEENS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, INC.
70-31 84th Street Building 38, Glendale 11385
(718) 326-4455
www.queenssymphony.org

QUEENS THEATRE IN THE PARK
Flushing Meadows-Corona Park
(718) 760-0064
www.queenstheatre.org

QUEENS ZOO WILDLIFE CENTER
53-51 111th Street, Corona
(718) 271-1500
www.queenszoo.com

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P.S. 154 PLAYGROUND	*75th Avenue, between 160th Street & 162nd Street*
P.S. 164 PLAYGROUND	*137th Street and 77th Avenue*
P.S. 165 PLAYGROUND (Vleigh)	*70th Road to 71st Avenue, 150th Street to Kissena Boulevard*
P.S. 200 PLAYGROUND	*164th Street, between Jewel Avenue and 71st Avenue*
P.S. 201 PLAYGROUND (Pomonok Houses)	*Kissena Boulevard and 65th Avenue*
P.S. 26 PLAYGROUND	*73rd Avenue, between 195th Street and 196th Place*
P.S. 173 PLAYGROUND (Fresh Meadows)	*67th Avenue and 173rd Street*
P.S. 179 PLAYGROUND (Peck)	*Horace Harding Blvd, between Francis Lewis Blvd & Peck Ave*
JHS 217 PLAYGROUND (Van Wyck)	*148th Street and 85th Avenue*
JHS 218 PLAYGROUND (Cedar Grove)	*Main Street and Gravett Road*
ABE WOLFSON TRIANGLE- Green Street	*Kissena Boulevard and 72nd Avenue*
ALBERT MAURO PLAYGROUND	*Westside of Park Drive East, bet. Union Tpke and 72nd Ave.*
BERNARD TEPPER TRIANGLE- Green St.	*East-bound service Road, between GCP and West side Homelawn St.*
CUNNINGHAM PARK	*Horace Harding Expway, bet. G.C.P. and Francis Lewis Blvd.*
CUNNINGHAM PARK	*PICNIC COMFORT STATION*
HOLY COW PARK PLAYGROUND (Cunningham Park)	*East side of 199 St., between 64th Ave. and 67th Ave .*
CAPTAIN TILLY MEMORIAL PARK	*Highland Ave., between 165th Street, Gothic Pkwy and 85th Ave.*
ELECTCHESTER PLAYGROUND	*Westside 164th Street, South side of 65th Avenue*
FLUSHING MEADOW CORONA PARK	*Grand Central Parkway, Van Wyck Expressway*
FREEDOM SQUARE PARK	*Vleigh Place, Westside Main Street and 73rd Terrace*
FRESH MEADOW PARK	*Horace Harding Blvd., between 188th Street and 190th Street*
HAYM SOLOMAN SQUARE	*72nd Road, between Vleigh Place and Eastside Main Street*
HOOVER PARK/ MANTON PLGD	*Van Wyck Expy, bet. Main Street, Manton St., and 83rd Ave.*
JOE AUSTIN PLAYGROUND	*G.C.P., between 164th Place and 168th Street*
McLAUGHLIN PARK	*East bound GCP, between Francis Lewis Blvd and McLaughlin Ave.*
MIDLAND PARKWAY	*Hillside Avenue to Surrey Place*
UTOPIA PLAYGROUND	*73rd Avenue, between Jewel Avenue and Utopia Parkway*
VLEIGH PLACE PARK	*Vleigh Place, between 141st Street and Union Turnpike*
KISSENA CORRIDOR PLAYGROUND	*Peck & Underhill Aves, Union Tpke, Horace Harding Expwy*
POMONOK	
WHITEHALL TERRACE	*W/S Clearview Expwy at Whitehall Terr.*
TRIANGLE	*Henley Rd, Charlecote Ridge*
MALL SEVENTY-FIVE	*75 Avenue, 188 to 199 Streets*
MALL SIXTY-NINE	*69 Avenue, 188 to 199 Streets*
VETERANS SQUARE (Hillcrest)	*Union Turnpike & 162 Street*
GREENSTREET	*Santiago Street, Palo Alto Ave, Palo Alto Street*
GREENSTREET	*Palermo Street, Salerno Avenue*
GREENSTREET	*Henley Road, Devonshire Road*
GREENSTREET	*Wexford Terrace, Kingston Place*
GREENSTREET	*Epsom Course & Grand Central Pkwy Service Road*
GREENSTREET	*Horace Harding Expwy & 64th Ave & 174th St.*
GREENSTREET	*Union Turnpike, Surrey Place, 179th Street*
GREENSTREET	*86th Road, Bell Blvd, 86th Avenue*
GREENSTREET (Briarwood Promenade)	*Queens Blvd, between 84th Drive and 87th Avenue*

HELPFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Attorney General, State of New York	(212) 416-8000
AIDS Hotline	(800) 825-5448
Center for Animal Care & Control	(212) 876-7700
Beacon Schools in Community Board 8:	
Beacon 168 (Parsons J.H.S.)	(718) 820-0760
Beacon 216 (Ryan J.H.S.)	(718) 445-6983
Better Business Bureau	(212) 533-7500
Child Abuse Hotline	(800) 342-3720
Office for Civil Rights	(800) 368-1019
Community Board 8 (e-mail qn08@cb.nyc.gov)	(718) 264-7895
Con Edison	(800) 752-6633
Office for People with Disabilities	(212) 788-2830
Dog Licenses	(212) 676-2100
Domestic Violence Hotline	800) 942-6906
Board of Education	(718) 935-2000
Learning Support Center, Region 3	(718) 281-7575
Community Board 8 Elected Officials:	
NYS Assembly:	
Barbara Clark – 33rd District	(718) 479-2333
Vivian Cook – 32nd District	(718) 322-3975
Nettie Mayersohn – 27th District	(718) 969-1508
Nily Rozic – 25th District	(718) 820-0241
William Scarborough – 29th District	(718) 723-5412
David I. Weprin – 24th District	(718) 428-7900
US Congress:	
Grace Meng – 5th District	(718) 423-2154
Gregory Meeks – 6th District	(718) 949-5600
NYC Council:	
James F. Gennaro – 24th District	(718) 217-4969
Mark S. Weprin – 23rd District	(718) 468-0139
NYS Senate:	
Tony Avella – 11th District	(718) 357-3094
Malcolm Smith – 14th District	718) 454-0162
Toby Stavisky – 16th District	(718) 445-0004
Queens Borough President Helen Marshall	(718) 286-3000
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation	(718) 482-4900
Federal Trade Commission Consumer Line	(877) 382-4357
Federal Trade Commission Identity Theft Hotline	(877) ID-THEFT
Food Programs (Pantries) in Community Board 8:	
First United Methodist Church (162-10 Highland Ave.)	(718) 739-2269
Flushing Jewish Community Council (65-15 164 St.)	(718) 463-0434
J.U.S.T.I.C.E. Organization (87-43 164 St.)	(718) 634-8300
Kehilat Sephardim of Ahavat Achim (150-62 78 Rd.)	(718) 591-9574
St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church (150-75 Goethals Ave)	(718) 969-3226
AIDS Center of Queens County (175-61 Hillside Ave)	(718) 739-2525
Department of Insurance, New York State	(212) 480-2301
Keyspan	(718) 403-2000
Queens Borough Public Libraries:	General (718) 990-0700
Briarwood Library	(718) 658-1680
Fresh Meadows Library	(718) 454-7272
Hillcrest Library	(718) 454-2786

Hollis Library	(718) 465-7355
Kew Gardens Hills Library	(718) 261-6654
Pomonok Library	(718) 591-4343
Department of Motor Vehicles	(718) 966-6155
Poison Control Center	(212) 764-7667
Port Authority Noise Complaints	(718) 533-5615
107th Precinct	(718) 969-5100
Public Service Commission	(800) 342-3377
Queens Community House *(Youth, Housing, Financial Assistance)*	(718) 591-6060
Queens Community Civic Corporation *(Youth, Housing, Senior Assistance)*	(718) 261-8015

Senior Centers:

BFFY - Alzheimer's Day Care	(718) 358-3541
BFFY – Hillcrest Senior Center	(718) 297-7171
BFFY Northeast Queens	(718) 357-4903
JASA – Holliswood	(718) 454-6157
Kew Gardens Hills Jewish Center	(718) 263-6500
Pomonok Senior Center	(718) 591-3377
Young Israel of Queens Valley	(718) 263-6995
SAGE – Queens Senior Action in a Gay Environment	(718) 726-4187
Social Security Administration	(800) 772-1213
Social Security Fraud Hotline	(800) 269-0271
Social Services Information (HRA)	(877) 472-8411
Terrorism Hotline	(800) NY-SAFE
Voter Information	(866) VOTE-NYC
Youthline	(800) 246-4646

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For emergencies call 911.

TIP SHEET

STARTING A NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION

A well-organized neighborhood can wield powerful influence when addressing the needs and problems of local residents. A group representing the community in all neighborhood issues will have the stability, credibility and political clout necessary to be an effective force in creating a better neighborhood. If you think your building, block, or neighborhood needs to be organized, follow these 6 rules.

- ✓ *DEFINE THE ISSUES: Prepare yourself to represent all the people in your neighborhood. Talk to other residents to find out what they think the important issues are and what should be done. Collect information about the issues, what space is available in the community, and how to get access, who wants to participate, and what resources exist to help you. You would also need to know the history of the issue or issues that you're dealing with. Your local Community Board, the public library, and the community newspaper are likely to have answers.*

- ✓ *RESEARCH YOUR COMMUNITY: What's the size of the area you want to organize. Find out what resources your community has and talk to the neighborhood business and government leaders. Take a walk and look at your neighborhood with a critical eye. Where do people socialize, which local merchants might be supportive? Are there any buildings with rooms suitable for meeting?*

- ✓ *BUILD A CORE GROUP: Recruit a handful of people. Find candidates for your core group by talking to your neighbors. Talk to leaders of churches, community centers, or similar organizations and ask them whether they know people who may be interested.*

- ✓ *HOLD CORE GROUP MEETING: The core group acts as the temporary steering committee until the general membership meeting is held. When the core group meets, it should come up with ideas for projects to kick off the organizing drive, starting with simple activities like block cleanup, a letter writing campaign, or a potluck fundraising dinner. Divide up responsibility for contacting neighborhood institutions.*

- ✓ *PLAN A GENERAL MEETING: Decide on a time, date and place that are convenient for people in the neighborhood. Prepare an agenda for your first general meeting, keeping in mind that you're laying the foundation for the organization. A good agenda should include the following; Introductions, Discussions on problems and issues, Setting priorities, Structure – agreeing on a name for the organization.*

- ✓ *REACH OUT TO THE COMMUNITY: Getting the word out is crucial to create a well-balanced, fully representative organization. Print flyers listing the time, dates, place and purpose of the first general meeting. Take the flyers door-to-door.*

When your are finish organizing take a survey of neighborhood opinion, hold a community forum, meet with the government agencies that are supposed to be dealing with your issues.
GOOD LUCK