



April

COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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OFFICERS

CHAIRPERSON: Martha Taylor
1st VICE CHAIR: Michael Hannibal
2nd VICE CHAIR: Seymour Schwartz
3rd VICE CHAIR: Mary Maggio
EXEC. SECRETARY: Bhitihara-Martha Fulton
TREASURER & BUDGET DIRECTOR: Harbachan Singh

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Honorable Ung - 20th District
Honorable Linda Lee - 23rd District
Honorable James Gennaro - 24th District

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Honorable Donovan Richards

STAFF

DISTRICT MANAGER: Marie Adam-Ovide
Soleil Griffin, Community Assistant
Nettie Norris, Community Assistant

BOARD MEMBERS BY AREA

Area 1 – Kew Gardens Hills

Jennifer Martin – CHAIR, Heather Bennett-Idels, Joshua Glikman, Tobias Paris, Simon Pelman, Israel Peskowitz and Jacob Weinberg.

Area 2 – Briarwood

Seymour Schwartz – CHAIR, Allen Eisenstein, John Gebhard, Elke Maerz, Mohammad Rahman, and Douglas Sherman.

Area 3 – Hillcrest Estates & Jamaica Hill

Wendy Gennaro – CHAIR, Dilaftroz Ahmed, Saaif Alam, Bhitihara-Martha Fulton, Ahsan Habib, Mohammed “Delwar” Islam, Hersh Parekh and Frances Peterson.

Area 4 – Flushing Heights, Flushing Suburban, Hillcrest

Dr. Penny M. Stern – CHAIR, Kenneth Cohen II, Marva Dudley and Dilip Nath.

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

Maria DeInnocentiis – CHAIR, James Gallagher, Caitlin Marziliano, Alan Ong, Tamara Osharov, Amy Tse and Steven Villaran.

Area 7 – Jamaica Estates & Holliswood

Howard Fried – CHAIR, Edward Chung, Michael Hannibal, Nikolas Michael, David Mordukhaev, Jesse Rosenbaum, Aliyah Salim, Harbachan Singh, Martha Taylor, Mohammed Tohin and Mayer Waxman.

As you may be aware all NYC residents are required to compost organic materials. Enforcement will begin on Tuesday, April 1, 2025 (see Page 10).

March's Community Board 8 Public Hearing/Meeting (recap)

Hillcrest Jewish Center

183-02 Union Turnpike
Fresh Meadows

- The minutes of Wednesday, January 15, 2025 were unanimously approved by 24 members.
- **Chairperson's Report – Martha Taylor**
Community Board 8 recently received Comptroller Brad Lander's Audit Report on Controls over Payroll, Personnel and Purchasing at the Queens Community Boards. I am pleased to announce that out of the 14 Queens Boards, Community Board 8 was one of three (*including CB5 and CB9*) that the NYC Comptroller's office found to have followed all the directives without any issues. The report will be emailed to the members tomorrow. I have a hard copy, if you wish to look at it.

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The next Public Hearing/Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 9, 2025.

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

www.nyc.gov/queenscb8

Welcome to DOB in Your Community District!



Friday, May 9, 2025

Community Board 8 Office
197-15 Hillside Avenue
Hollis

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Did you receive an ECB or DOB Violation against your property?
Are you at a loss as to how to submit a Certificate of Corrections?

We are here to help!

Community Board 8 Queens in partnership with the
Department of Buildings will host DOB in Your Community District to assist you in
resolving open summonses.

You **must** contact us ASAP to register, as space is limited.
Community Board 8, Queens **718-264-7895**

Marie Adam-Orsini
District Manager

Martha Taylor
Chairperson

Chometz Burning Stations & Sanitation Bin Locations

Date: **Friday, April 11, 2025** (Burning Stations Set-up)
Saturday, April 12, 2025 (all bins to be removed by noon)

1. In front of the Young Israel of Kew Gardens Hills located at 70-11 150th Street.
2. In front of the Young Israel of Jamaica Estates located at 83-10 188th Street.
3. In front of the Young Israel of Queens Valley located at 141-55 77th Avenue, near the parking lot.
4. In front of the Young Israel of Holliswood located at 86-25 Francis Lewis Boulevard.
5. In front of the Kehilat Sephardim located at 150-62 78th Road.

NEW location - In front of the Congregation Charm Circle at 72-31 Park Drive East.

In addition, remember to place your garbage out for the special collection on Thursday night for Friday's Pick-up.

Happy Pesach from Community Board 8, Queens!

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Chairperson's Report – Martha Taylor

Next month, we will have Queens DEP Commissioner Alfonso Lopez as our guest speaker. He will present Flooding 101. This is right when the rainy season starts.

We are looking for a Part-time Community Assistant. The job notice is posted on the website.

<https://www.nyc.gov/assets/queenscb8/downloads/pdf/2025/CB8Q-Job-Posting-PT-Community-Assistant-2025.pdf>

Shubhra Datta – representing Borough President Donovan Richards

Upcoming events: – Borough Hall, 120-55 Queens Boulevard, Kew Gardens.

- Wednesday, March 26th at 6:00 p.m. – Irish Heritage Cultural Celebration
- Thursday, April 3rd at 12:00 p.m. – Hosting a Salute to Gold Star Spouses Ceremony

Thursday, April 3rd from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Hosting our College and University Fair (This will be held at Richmond Hill High School – 89-30 114th Street) You can RSVP to any of these events on our website at queensbp.nyc.gov or if you have questions or concerns, you can contact me at (718) 286-3000.

Captain Mo Tsang – 107th Precinct Commanding Officer

Crime is down by 12% in 2025. To date only 26 burglaries in the 107th. Grand Larceny Auto (GLA) continues to be on the rise especially with Hondas. Air Tag Devices will be given out on March 20, 2025 from 10 a.m. – noon at Cunningham Park.

Public Hearing - Harbachan Singh, Budget Director

Capital & Expense Budget Committee – Response to the Mayor's Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2026. The letter to the Mayor was read to the committee. Budget Director Harbachan Singh asked for the motion to have the letter approved. Bhithara Fulton made the motion, seconded by Michael Hannibal.

24 Yes 0 No 0 Abstention

Health Minute with Dr. Penny Stern – Health Committee Chair

March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. Colorectal Cancer is the second most common cancer in men and women. I am a preventative medicine physician. I spend a lot of time explaining to people why screening is so important. Screening is the biggest advantage of allowing for early detection so that the treatment can be initiated promptly, giving you the best chance of survival.

For most people, it is recommended that screening begin at age 45. The age for starting to screen for colorectal cancer can vary based on certain risk factors such as having a family history of colorectal cancer or having certain genetic syndromes or having conditions like ulcerative colitis or Crohn's disease.

In general, the risk for colorectal cancer increases with age and there are also contributing factors that elevate risk including leading a sedentary lifestyle, consuming a diet that is low in fruits and vegetables and so is low in fiber as well as eating a high-fat diet with a lot of processed foods. Excess weight and alcohol consumption are also factors to consider as is being a smoker. Colorectal

Joint
Area 3 & Area 7 Committee Meeting
Small Business Grant Presentation
Hillside Ave (169th Street to 191st Street)
Wednesday, April 30, 2025
7:30 p.m.

Community Board 8 Office
197-15 Hillside Avenue in Hollis

Zoning Committee Meeting
Jamaica Neighborhood Plan
<https://www.jamaicaplan.nyc/land-use-application>
Tuesday, April 29, 2025
7:30 p.m.

Community Board 8 Office
197-15 Hillside Avenue in Hollis

Save the Date!

MTA Queens Bus Network Redesign Implementation
Thursday, May 29, 2025
7:30 p.m.

Hillcrest Jewish Center
183-02 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows



COMMUNITY ADVISORY

PROJECT NAME: Reconstruction of Tide Gate Bridge over Flushing Creek in Flushing Meadows Corona Park
PROJECT#: HBPED800Q **BOROUGH:** Queens **ADVISORY ISSUED:** March 19, 2025

Tide Gate Bridge Closed to Vehicular Traffic for the duration of the reconstruction project Pedestrian Access Maintained

Important Notice: Beginning on or about April 1, 2025, the Tide Gate Bridge over Flushing Creek in Flushing Meadows Corona Park will be completely closed to all vehicular traffic. This closure will be in effect 24/7 throughout the duration of the reconstruction project.

- Drivers should pay close attention to the detour signs and Variable Messaging Signs (VMS) in place for guidance.
- Vehicles on Meridian Road approaching the Tide Gate Bridge will be detoured.
- A temporary pedestrian walkway will be available to ensure continuous access throughout the construction project. Please follow any construction signs to safely cross and access the east and west areas of the park.

If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to learn more about this project and sign up for the email distribution list, please contact:

Karen Flores
Community Construction Liaison
NYC DDC Project ID #HBPED800Q
Reconstruction of Tide Gate Bridge
O: 347-507-0482
C: 929-320-6004
email: tidegatebridgeccl@gmail.com

PLEASE NOTE: Due to unforeseen conditions (weather, field conditions, etc.) it may become necessary to change some scheduled work locations and operations.

**THE OFFICE OF ASSEMBLYMAN
SAM BERGER AND COUNCIL MEMBER
JAMES GENNARO**



are hosting a:



PET ADOPTION EVENT



- Mobile Adoption Truck with pets!
- Pets can include kittens, cats, small/medium/large dogs
- Adoption fee varies from \$25-\$250



When?

Sunday, April 6th
from
12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Where?

156-06 71st Ave
Fresh Meadows, NY 11365

in partnership with:



**Animal
Care Centers
of NYC**

**For more information
contact the Office of
Assemblyman
Sam Berger
@ 718-969-1508**



RECYCLE YOUR E-WASTE

Sunday 04/06/2025 10am – 2pm Rain or Shine

Avoid a fine: It's now illegal to discard electronics in the trash !

DROP OFF SITE: **Young Israel of Kew Gardens Hills**
70-11 150th Street | Kew Garden Hills

WE ACCEPT: **Working & non-working**
computers, monitors, printers/scanners, keyboards, mice,
cables, TVs, VCRs & DVD players, phones, audio/visual
equipment, cell phones & PDA's

Hosted by **Lower East Side Ecology Center**
Co-hosted By Council Member James Gennaro
Assembly Member Sam Berger and Young Israel of Kew Gardens Hills

For more information:
lesecologycenter.org or 212.477.4022

The electronic waste collection program is made possible by:



sanitation





FREE ONLINE Citizenship Classes

Prepare for the U.S. citizenship test and interview

Schedule Monday & Wednesday
6:00-8:00 pm

Dates April 21 - June 30

Levels Beginner English
Intermediate English



To register: Fill out the interest form
tinyurl.com/RiisCitizenship

Call (646) 397-5771

Email eminaya@riissettlement.org

Visit Jacob A. Riis Neighborhood Settlement,
10-25 41st Ave, Long Island City, NY 11101



Volunteer with the NYC Parks Stewardship Program



PLANT. PROTECT. PRESERVE.

NYC Parks hosts stewards across the city all year long, in every landscape and every kind of weather. Volunteers help plant trees and grow healthy forests.

See details below for an upcoming event:

What: Kissena Park Arbor Day Tree and Shrub Planting

Where: Kissena Park Velodrome Parking Lot

When: Friday, April 25th, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

HELP NYC BECOME GREENER AND GREATER.

For more information and to register for an event, visit nyc.gov/parks/stewardship or email stewardship@parks.nyc.gov.



NYC Service
nyc.gov/service

Curbside Composting is Mandatory

Enforcement Begins April 1, 2025

Avoid a Fine!

Buildings with 1 to 8 Units

\$25 for the first offense

\$50 for the second offense

\$100 for the third and subsequent offenses

Buildings with 9 or More Units

\$100 for the first offense

\$200 for the second offense

\$300 for the third and subsequent offenses

ALL NYC residents are currently required to separate yard waste, food scraps, and food-soiled paper from trash and recycling. Starting April 1, 2025, property owners will be subject to fines.

Curbside Composting is free and collected weekly in every borough on the same day as your recycling.



nyc.gov/CurbsideComposting | call 311
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Delivering for you.
Every day. Everywhere.

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTIFICATION (S)

Salerno Corp

d/b/a Gino's of Kissena
65-01 Kissena in Flushing

Renewal - Wine, Beer and Cider License

Spring Family Inc

d/b/a Secret Kitchen

185-20 Horace Harding Expressway

Renewal - Wine, Beer and Cider License

Prima Di Carne LLC

d/b/a Sabba

178-01 Union Turnpike in Flushing

NEW - 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.

CANNABIS/LIQUOR LICENSE

Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

7:30 p.m.

Please submit written testimony in support or against any new applications by the end of the day on **Friday, April 18, 2025**.

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

<https://cannabis.ny.gov/report-an-incident> or call 1-888-OCM-5151 (1-888-626-5151).

DEMOLITION/VACATE NOTICE

- 179-43 Tudor Road — *Demolition [Partial]*
 - 67-11 179th Street — *[Excavation & Alteration]*
 - 170-45 84th Avenue — *[Alteration]*
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- **75-48 Parsons Blvd. - Vacate Order** - Fire damage to walls and ceiling throughout Apt. 3D. No electricity, hot water, gas or heat to Apt. 3D. Order or repair conditions by March 5, 2025.





April 2025

Community Board 8, Queens

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 	2 Executive Cmte. Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Board Meeting Public Hearing 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike	10	11	12 
13  Palm Sunday	14	15  TAX DAY	16	17  Holy Thursday	18  GOOD FRIDAY	19
20  Easter Sunday	21	22 Cannabis/ Liquor License Cmte. Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 Zoning Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office	30 Joint Area 3 & 7 Cmte. Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office			

"A nation that is afraid to let its people judge the truth and falsehood in an open market is a nation that is afraid of its people." — John F. Kennedy