

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH



May

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: vacant
EXEC. SECRETARY: Bhithara-Martha Fulton
TREASURER & BUDGET DIRECTOR: Harbachan Singh

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Honorable Sandra 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, D. Lavelda Davis, Marisol Perez, Joshua Glikman, Simon Pelman, Israel Peskowitz and Jacob Weinberg.

Area 2 – Briarwood

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

Area 3 – Hillcrest Estates & Jamaica Hill

Wendy Gennaro – CHAIR, Dilafriz Ahmed, Saaif Alam, Bhithara-Martha Fulton, Ahsan Habib, Mohammed “Dehwar” 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

Vacant – CHAIR, Neeta Jain, and Kelly Sexton

Area 6 – Utopia, Fresh Meadows, West Cunningham Park

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

Area 7 – Jamaica Estates & Holliswood

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

Happy Mother's Day

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

Hillcrest Jewish Center

183-02 Union Turnpike
Fresh Meadows

- The minutes of Wednesday, March 19, 2025, were unanimously approved by 33 members.
- **Chairperson's Report:**

She welcomed the new CB8 Members and invited them to introduce themselves.

She announced that every member must serve on at least two committees. She urged them to select their committee and return the Committee Selection Form to the district manager. She urged them to make every effort to attend all their committee meetings. Most of the Board's work is done through the committees.

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The next Public Hearing/Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 14, 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 Baum-Oside
District Manager

Martha Taylor
Chairperson

Public Hearing/Meeting

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

7:30 p.m.

Hillcrest Jewish Center
183-02 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows

There will be a public hearing in conjunction with our Community Board 8 monthly meeting to review and vote on the **Jamaica Neighborhood Plan**. The Department of City Planning will be there to present.

The details of the plan can be accessed using the link below:

<http://www.jamaicaplan.nyc/land-use-application>

It also includes maps of areas affected and what changes are proposed.

For public speaking, please contact the office during regular business hours (Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.). On the date of the hearing/meeting, please contact us no later than 4 p.m. Please share this information with your friends and neighbors.

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

Shubhra Datta – representing Queens Borough President Donovan Richards

This year, the Borough Presidents office had a pool of 916 total applicants who filed to join the Community Boards. Of that total, 361 were appointed. Mr. Datta informed the community of the various events their office is hosting. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to their office at 718-286-3000.

Nominations – Dr. Penny Stern, Chair of the Nominating Committee

Dr. Stern stated in accordance with the By-laws of Community Board 8, the April meeting is a nominating meeting. The following slate was nominated:

- Martha Taylor for Chairperson
- Michael Hannibal for 1st Vice-Chair
- Seymour Schwartz for 2nd Vice-Chair
- Dilip Nath for 3rd Vice-Chair
- Harbachan Singh for Treasurer
- Bhitihara Fulton. for Secretary.

Committee Chair Dr. Stern opened nominations from the floor. Hearing none, nominations were closed. She stated that the elections will be held at May's general meeting.

Guest Speakers:

- Captain Mo Tsang, 107th Precinct Commanding Officer

During the 28-day period, the two major categories that went up were burglaries and grand larceny auto. Grand larceny auto went up about one or two percent. The cars that are being affected are Hondas, Acuras, and Infinitis. Burglaries are up by eighty-five percent. There were nine burglaries in Sector A, nine in Sector B, seven in Sector C, and four in Sector D.

- **Flooding 101 - Queens Commissioner Alfonso Lopez, DEP**

Commissioner Lopez stated that he can be reached at queensdep@dep.nyc.gov. Here are the main take-aways from the presentation [*available by email upon request*] :

- The flood season takes place between June and November.
- The three types of flooding are stormwater, coastal flooding, and groundwater.
- The sewers protect us against 98% of rain events and are built to handle 1.5 to 1.75 inches of rain per hour.
- The sewer system can get overwhelmed when the amount of water produced by a rainstorm is greater than the capacity of the pipes.
- To combat flooding the city has the sewers, bluebelts, floodnet sensors, and unified stormwater rule.
- Unified stormwater rule is what new developers have to follow.
- American Water Resources (AWR) is an insurance that covers the service line to the home.
- Visit the DEP website to find evacuation zones and sign up for Notify NYC for information about emergencies.

Health Minutes with Dr. Penny Stern

The week of April 21st is National Volunteer Week. Volunteering is a very healthy activity. Major medical institutions, from the Mayo Clinic to Harvard have been publicizing the health benefits of volunteering for years. It is associated with improved mental health, reduced levels of anxiety and depression. The direct physical benefits of volunteering include lowering your risk for heart disease by improving your circulatory system, improving cholesterol levels, and blood glucose (sugar) levels. It helps the brain shift its focus from pain as you are deeply involved in activities that have meaning and purpose for you. Social connectivity helps prevent feelings of isolation and we know that isolation is associated with poorer health outcomes.

How to Avoid the Lien Sale

If you do not pay your property taxes, water and sewer charges, or other property-related charges, you may be at risk of being included in a lien sale. The next lien sale will be held on May 20, 2025.

When you are included in the lien sale, the City of New York sells your debt to an authorized buyer. This does not mean that your property has been sold, but if you do not resolve your outstanding debt, the lien sale can be a first step toward foreclosure.

**You have several options for avoiding the lien sale.
You must take action by May 19, 2025!**

OPTION 1: PAY THE CHARGES

You must pay at least the minimum amount shown on the warning notice that you received in the mail. You continue to be obligated to pay the amounts due on your property.

- Property taxes and related charges: www.nyc.gov/citypay
- Water or sewer charges: www.nyc.gov/dep

OPTION 2: ENTER INTO A PAYMENT PLAN

There are three payment plan options for property taxes and charges:

- **Standard payment plan:** Available to all property owners. No down payment required (unless there was a previous default). Pay monthly or quarterly, for a period of 1-10 years. Must also remain current with new charges.
- **PT AID:** Available to 1- to 3-family homes or condominiums that are primary residences. Annual household income must be no greater than \$107,300. Deferral or income-based repayment.
- **PT AID Circuit Breaker:** Available to owners eligible for PT AID whose property tax bill is more than 10% of their income. Property's assessed value must be \$250,000 or less. Can defer the amount above 10%; minimum annual payment of \$1,500.

To make a monthly payment agreement with DEP for water and sewer charges, go to any DEP borough office. For more information, call (718) 595-7890.

OPTION 3: APPLY FOR A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

FINDING THE RIGHT EXEMPTION(S) FOR YOU

Please visit www.nyc.gov/finance for the most up-to-date information about exemptions.

	1 STAR (School Tax Relief) Basic STAR*	1 A Enhanced STAR*	2 Senior Citizen Homeowners' Exemption (SChE)	2 A Disabled Homeowners' Exemption (DHE)	3 Veterans Exemption	4 Disabled Crime Victim and Good Samaritan Exemption	5 Clergy Exemption
ELIGIBILITY	Available to owners of houses, co-ops, and condos with an annual income of \$250,000 or less.	Available to owners of houses, co-ops, and condos who are 65+ with an annual income of \$107,300 or less.	Available to owners of houses, co-ops, and condos who are 65+ with annual income of \$58,399 or less.	Available to disabled owners of houses, co-ops, and condos with annual income of \$58,399 or less.	Available to certain veteran owners of houses, co-ops and condos, their unmarried surviving spouses and Gold Star parents.	Crime victims and those injured trying to prevent crime or assist a victim. Civilians only. Owner must have modified home to accommodate disability.	Available to members of the clergy or their unmarried surviving spouses that own houses or condos in NYS.
BENEFIT	Tax savings: approximately \$300/year.	Tax savings: approximately \$650/year.	Reduces assessed value up to 50%.	Reduces assessed value up to 50%.	Level of benefit varies.	Compensation for cost of renovations to accommodate disability.	Reduces assessed value of home by \$1,500. Tax savings: approximately \$258/year.
TO APPLY	Visit www.tax.nyc.gov or call (518) 457-2036.	Visit www.tax.nyc.gov or call (518) 457-2036.	Complete an application, available at www.nyc.gov/sche .	Complete an application, available at www.nyc.gov/dhe .	Complete an application, available at www.nyc.gov/ownereemption .	Complete an application, available at www.nyc.gov/ownereemption .	Complete an application, available at www.nyc.gov/ownereemption .
DEADLINE	March 15	March 15	March 15	March 15	March 15	March 15	March 15

Not-for-profit organizations may be eligible for an exemption that will keep their property out of the lien sale. Active duty military personnel may request an exclusion from the lien sale by completing an affidavit. More information is available at www.nyc.gov/liensale.

OPTION 4: SUBMIT A LIEN SALE EASY EXIT PROGRAM APPLICATION

You can be removed from the lien sale if you are approved for the Lien Sale Easy Exit Program application. To be eligible:

- The property must be a one-, two-, or three-family home or condominium unit.
- The property must be your primary residence.
- You cannot own any other New York City properties.
- The combined annual income of all owners and residing spouses must be less than \$107,300.

You can be removed via the Easy Exit Program up to three times in a 36-month period.

OPTION 5: SUBMIT AN EMERGENCY REPAIR CERTIFICATION

If you only owe HPD Emergency Repair charges, you can be removed from the lien sale if you have a one- to three-family home that is your primary residence and you do not own other properties. Visit www.nyc.gov/liensale.

HOW TO GET HELP

Property Taxes: Visit www.nyc.gov/liensale, email taxlien@finance.nyc.gov, or call (212) 440-5408. You can also call 311 or visit a Department of Finance business center (locations at www.nyc.gov/dof).

Water and Sewer Charges: Visit www.nyc.gov/dep, call (718) 595-7000, or visit a Department of Environmental Protection borough office (locations at www.nyc.gov/dep).

Emergency Repair and Alternative Enforcement Program Charges: Call (212) 863-6020 or email hpderp@hpd.nyc.gov.



Martha Taylor
Chairperson



Marie Adam-Ovide
District Manager



COMMUNITY BOARD 8, QUEENS

11TH ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR

FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2025
(RAIN OR SHINE)
2:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

AT

CUNNINGHAM PARK
196TH PLACE / UNION TURNPIKE

HEALTH SCREENINGS

FREE HEALTHY &
NUTRITIOUS SNACKS

FUN ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN -
BOUNCE HOUSE, PUPPET SHOW, ETC.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
WILL BE AVAILABLE AND MUCH MORE.



FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: 718-264-7895

Michael Hernandez

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTIFICATION (S)

Jaosub Inc.

d/b/a Sup Thai Kitchen

178-19 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows

NEW - Outdoor Café (sidewalk)

El Gallo Negro Corp.

149-09A Union Turnpike in Flushing

NEW - Full Liquor License



Grace Lanes LLC

67-19 Parsons Blvd. in Flushing

Renewal- Full Liquor License

La Otra Sports Bar & Restaurant Inc.

172-37 Hillside Avenue in Jamaica

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, May 20, 2025

7:30 p.m.

Please submit written testimony in support or against any new applications by the end of the day on **Friday, May 16, 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).

IT'S MY PARK DAY!

The Friends of Cunningham Park will be participating in It's My Park Day by cleaning up, planting and beautifying **Cunningham Park**

Sunday, May 18, 2025

9:00 a.m.— 1p.m.

Cunningham Park

(Union Turnpike and 196th Street)
Near the tennis and bocce courts.

Volunteer service credit offered.

Kitty Azhar, event coordinator
greening.volunteers@gmail.com



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DEMOLITION/VACATE NOTICE

- 143-22 84th Road - [Demolition]
- 195-05 Keno Avenue — [Excavation & Alteration]





May 2025

Community Board 8, Queens

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18	19	20 Cannabis/ Liquor License Cmte. Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office	21	22	23	24
25	26 We're closed	27	28	29 CB8/MTA Bus Design Implementation 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike	30	31

"The less harshly we judge ourselves, the more accepting we become of others."

— Harold H. Bloomfield