



September

COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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OFFICERS

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1st VICE CHAIR: Michael Hannibal
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3rd VICE CHAIR: Dilip Nath
EXEC. SECRETARY: Bhitihara-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 Associate
Nettie Norris, Community Associate

BOARD MEMBERS BY AREA

Area 1 – Kew Gardens Hills

Vacant – CHAIR, Heather Bennett-Idels, D. Lavelda Davis, Marisol Perez, Joshua Glikman, 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, Dilafroze Ahmed, Saaif Alam, Bhitihara-Martha Fulton, Ahsan Habib, Mohammed "Delwar" Islam, Hersh Parekh and Frances Peterson.

Areas 4 & 5 – Flushing, Flushing Heights, Flushing Suburban, Hillcrest, Electchester, Georgetown Mews, Pomonok

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

Community Board 8Q's meetings resume in September.
Please join us to hear our guest speaker and receive community updates.

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

7:30 p.m.

Community Board 8 Public Hearing/Meeting

Hillcrest Jewish Center
183-02 Union Turnpike
Fresh Meadows

Special Guest Speaker - Honorable John Liu, State Senator - 16th District

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

www.nyc.gov/queenscb8

A Word from CB8...

Dear Stakeholders:

In preparation for the Fiscal Year 2027 Capital & Expense Budget, Community Board 8 is soliciting new budget items from our residents.

Please submit any new capital and/or expense budget needs by September 10, 2025. All budget items (old and new) will be placed in priority order per City agency. A vote will be taken at the October 22, 2025 Community Board 8's Public Hearing/Meeting. Once they are approved, they will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) by October 31, 2025.

We are appealing to you once more. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to join the Community Board 8 email list. We have close to 200,000 residents within our district and we want to keep you informed. It is only with tenacious participation that this democratic process can be successful. We urge you to continue to be our eyes and ears so we can continue to advocate on your behalf.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Marie Adam-Ortiz

District Manager

Martha Taylor

Chairperson

P.S. We are back on Facebook !

SCHOOL/TRAFFIC SAFETY

School is open. Please drive safely and **STOP** for the school buses when their lights are flashing **RED**.



AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

We wish to inform you that applications are now being accepted for affordable housing at 143-26 84th Road, Briarwood, NY 11435.

Unit Size	130 % AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI) UNITS	Monthly Rent ¹	Units Available		House-hold Size ²	Annual Household Income ³ <i>Minimum – Maximum⁴</i>
Studio		\$2,000	3	---	1 person	\$ 68,572 - \$ 147,420
					2 people	\$ 68,572 - \$ 168,480
1 bedroom		\$2,350	8	---	1 person	\$ 80,572 - \$ 147,420
					2 people	\$ 80,572 - \$ 168,480
					3 people	\$ 80,572 - \$ 189,540
2 bedrooms		\$2,716	2	---	2 people	\$ 93,120 - \$ 168,480
					3 people	\$ 93,120 - \$ 189,540
					4 people	\$ 93,120 - \$ 210,600
					5 people	\$ 93,120 - \$ 227,500

Please note that rents and income limits are subject to change and asset limits may apply. In addition, minimum incomes listed may not apply to applicants with Section 8 or other qualifying rental subsidies.

We encourage interested persons to apply online at www.nyc.gov/housingconnect or write to request a paper application and advertisement (see below). Online and paper applications are available in English, Arabic, Chinese, Haitian Creole, Korean, Russian, and Spanish.

Address to obtain paper applications:

MGNY Consulting Corp.
109 East 9 Street, Ground Floor
New York, NY 10003

Please remember that that online applications must be submitted by the deadline date of 09/05/2025 and that the applications received after this deadline date will not be considered. Completed paper applications must be sent to the Post Office Box address indicated on the application, postmarked by the application deadline date. Applicants may not submit more than one application per household.



The NYC DOT Street Ambassadors will be deployed over the next few weeks to survey residents and commuters about their travel patterns, and their traffic safety concerns along Kissena Blvd.

Additionally, the Ambassadors will conduct a curb use survey with commercial establishments along the corridor, asking merchants about their loading and delivery patterns

Introducing NYPD's new Q-Teams!

Focused on solving everyday
Quality of Life Issues in your
neighborhood



What are Q-Teams?

Quality-of-Life Teams, or "Q-Teams", are a new NYPD initiative dedicated to handling non-emergency 911 and 311 calls faster and more effectively.

Q-Teams address chronic issues including noise complaints, illegal vending, outdoor drug use, unregistered vehicles, encampments, and reckless e-bike and scooter riding.

Why it matters

Dedicated Q-Teams speed up response times for non-emergency calls and address recurring quality-of-life issues in each community. This work improves the everyday safety and well-being of New Yorkers and neighborhoods.

Where they are

Expanding citywide throughout Summer 2025!

- All Manhattan Precincts: July 14, 2025
- All Bronx Precincts: July 21, 2025
- All Brooklyn Precincts: July 28, 2025
- All Queens Precincts: August 11, 2025
- All Staten Island Precincts: August 18, 2025
- All Housing Commands: August 25, 2025

Report a problem

Report Quality of Life Issues to NYC 311:

- Call 311 or Text at 311-692
- Download the NYC311 App on your mobile device
- Visit <https://portal.311.nyc.gov/>
- Get to know your Q-Team members by attending community council meetings

How they work

Q-Teams respond directly to your 311 and non-emergency 911 calls. They can issue summonses, tow problematic vehicles, and address persistent local conditions such as outdoor drug activity, illegal vending, and homeless encampments.

Q-Team officers undergo specialized training on how to respond to quality-of-life concerns. Officers are here to listen and act – not to return to heavy-handed policing.

What's Happening Here?

Improve Bus Speeds

Increase Bus Reliability

Hillside Ave., Springfield Blvd. to Queens Blvd.
Bus Priority Improvements

Increase Parking Availability

Enhance Connections to Transit

NYC DOT will implement bus priority improvements on Hillside Ave., between Springfield Blvd. and Queens Blvd.:

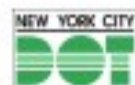
- Offset bus lanes benefitting 215,000+ daily bus riders on Hillside Ave. bus routes
- Replaces existing part time curbside bus lane
- Add free and metered parking spaces during peak hours
- Add new truck and neighborhood loading zones
- Create bus and truck only westbound left turns at 169th St., Merrick Blvd., and Sutphin Blvd.

Implementation begins Summer 2025



For additional information about this project, contact the NYC DOT Queens Borough Commissioner's Office at 212-839-2510 or visit our website: nyc.gov/dot
To sign up for NYC DOT updates, visit nyc.gov/dotnews

VISION
ZERO
Building a
Safer City



Celebrate National Wildlife Day
at Alley Pond Environmental
Center

FREE
ENTRY

Open House & Clothing Swap

Located at 229-10 Northern Blvd
Douglaston, NY 11362

Spend a day appreciating the environment and learning about animals.
There will be lots of animal education, free nature walks, an early
childhood story time, and an opportunity to swap gently used clothes.

For the clothing swap we can accept gently used clothing, books,
toys with no missing parts, small home wares, and backpacks/purses.
Please do not bring anything else including but not limited to stuffed
animals & bedding. We will not be able to accept them.

September 6th 10am-3pm

Check out APEC's education
programs and birthday parties
by visiting alleypond.org



LIQUOR LICENSE NOTIFICATION (S)

American Multi-Cinema Inc

d/b/a AMC Fresh Meadows 7

190-02 Horace Harding Pkwy. in Fresh Meadows

Class Change - to Full Liquor License

JIB Catering Inc

158-11 Harry Van Arsdale Jr. (Jewel) Avenue in Flushing

Renewal - Full Liquor License

Fresh Meadows Wings LLC

d/b/a Hooters of Fresh Meadows

61-09 190th Street in Fresh Meadows

Renewal - 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.

DEMOLITION/VACATE NOTICE



- 75-09 177th Street - [Full Demolition]
- 72-21 Park Drive East - [Full Demolition]
- 78-29 160th Street - [Excavation]

NYC Department of Housing Preservation (HPD)

Partial Vacate Order Issued to property: 143-50 Hoover Avenue in Briarwood

Location - Basement

Fire damage, no electricity, no hot water and no gas service.



On August 31, 2025, the second phase of the Queens Bus Network Redesign will be implemented. Please go to this link below to find out more:


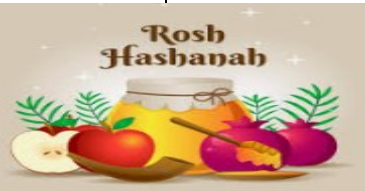
<https://www.mta.info/project/queens-bus-network-redesign/service-changes>

Customers can always call 511 for more information on Queens bus routes and other transit information. Customers can also visit their local libraries to see these MTA materials.



September 2025

Community Board 8, Queens

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 We're closed!  LABOR DAY	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Board Meeting Public Hearing 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike	11	12	13
14	15 Transportation Cmte. Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office	16 Cannabis/ Liquor License Cmte. Meeting CB8 Office	17	18	19	20
21	22  Autumn Equinox	23  Rosh Hashanah	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

***Please note—Jewish Holidays begin at sundown the night before.

The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet.”

— Aristotle