



COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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OFFICERS

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EXEC. SECRETARY: Bhitihara-Martha Fulton
TREASURER: Hersh Parekh

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

Jennifer Martin – 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, Dilafroz Ahmed, Saaif Alam, Bhitihara-Martha Fulton, Ahsan Habib, Mohammed “Delwar” Islam, Hersh Parekh and Frances Peterson.

Area 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, Martha Taylor, Mohammed Tohin and Mayer Waxman.



February’s Community Board 8 Public Hearing/Meeting (recap) 183-02 Union Turnpike Fresh Meadows

The minutes of Wednesday, January 7, 2026 meeting were unanimously approved with corrections by 27 members.

Chairperson’s Report – Martha Taylor

The Board Members who are up for renewal, may now re-apply online at the Borough President’s website. The applications opened on January 5, 2026, and the deadline is close of business day February 13, 2026. If you are unsure whether you need to renew this year, please see the district manager after the meeting.

The 2026 Open Streets Application is now open for submission. The deadline to apply is approaching. It is January 31, 2026, for full street closures scheduled for Spring and Summer 2026. For schools applying for the 2026-2027 school year, the deadline is March 31, 2026. For more information, please go to <https://www.nyc.gov/openstreets>.

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The next Public Hearing/Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2026

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

www.nyc.gov/queenscb8

A Word from CB8...

Dear Stakeholders:

It appears that many dog owners are not picking up after their pets. After your pet does its business, it is your duty as the pet owner to clean-up. While the Department of Transportation no longer installs the “Curb Your Dog” signs, the Pooper Scooper Law is still in place.

- Clean up after your dog and do not have them relieve themselves on public (*sidewalks and grass strips*) or private property.
- The fine for failure to curb your dog is \$250.
- All dogs must be licensed. For more information about licensing go to nyc.gov/health.
- Your dog must be on a leash no more than six feet long.

Be a good neighbor and pick-up after your dog. We encourage residents to report these issues by contacting our office during business hours or by filing a complaint with 311 outside of business hours.

Please share this information with your friends and neighbors. **It takes more than City Hall to make New York City great, it takes us all!**

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Marie Adam-Orsini

Martha Taylor

NYS Office of Cannabis Management News

Queens Community Grants Reinvestment Fund

Thursday, March 5, 2026
10:30 a.m. – Noon
Greater Nexus, 4th Floor
89-14 Parsons Blvd. in Jamaica

Not-for-profit organizations, please join the New York State Office of Cannabis Management for an in-person informational session about the Community Reinvestment Fund, details on the upcoming funding opportunity, and how to apply for New York State grants.

You may view the full schedule of additional dates and locations at cannabis.ny.gov/events.

Email events@ocm.ny.gov for any questions or assistance

To register go to: <https://forms.office.com/g/sNj5gvXEx6>

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

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Georgia Katsalis - representing Queens Borough President Donovan Richards

Apply to serve on your Community Board. Applications are now open until February 13, 2026.

For upcoming events, please see flyers on the table. Feel free to call our office at (718) 286-3000 with any questions.

Health Minutes with Dr. Penny Stern – Health Committee Chair

February is known for the observance of American Heart Month, which is dedicated to raising awareness of cardiovascular disease and its impact on practically everyone. February 28th is Rare Disease Day. When you hear the word “rare”, it tends to obscure the fact that some 300 million people around the world suffer from what is termed a “rare” disease. Rare Disease Day started in 2008 and is now recognized in more than 100 countries. The idea is to help ensure that those rare diseases have the same opportunities for healthcare, diagnosis and treatment as do people with more well-known and/or common conditions. Dozens of organizations came together to work towards awareness and advocacy.

What are some examples of rare diseases? Cystic Fibrosis which affects respiratory and digestive systems; Huntington's disease which is a neurodegenerative disorder affecting muscle coordination and cognition; Duchenne muscular dystrophy which causes progressive muscle degeneration; Ehlers-Danlos syndrome which is the umbrella term for a group of genetic disorders that weaken the body's connective tissues. There are so many more diseases that fall into this category.



Department of Transportation

Mike Flynn, Commissioner

Notice of Mailing Lists for DOT's Future Concessions

In accordance with Section 1-12 (c) of the Concession Rules of the City of New York, the New York City Department of Transportation (“DOT”) is seeking to add names to its solicitation mailing list of individuals and businesses that are interested in operating concessions on DOT's right of way including Pedestrian Plazas and Open Streets. Currently, over 20 different concessions operate throughout the five boroughs, including but not limited to food and beverage sales, merchandise, pedestrian plazas, farmers' markets, stall markets, bicycle parking, e-bike swaps and EV charging.

Anyone interested in learning more about DOT's concession opportunities and who would like to be added to DOT's solicitation mailing lists so they receive notice of when new opportunities become available, should complete the email subscription form on Mailchimp at:

<https://mailchi.mp/dot/concessions-subscribe>.

Please visit the Doing Business with DOT webpage at: **nyc.gov/dot-concessions**, for additional information



NYC
Department of Finance



NYS Senator John C. Liu

**NYCDOF
PROPERTY TAX
BENEFITS ASSISTANCE SESSION**

Pre-Register Here!



<https://tinyurl.com/liutaxevent3>

We will call you to confirm Registration
SPACE IS LIMITED!

Wednesday Mar. 11

4-7 pm

Hillcrest Jewish Center
183-02 Union Turnpike,
Flushing, NY 11366

**GET 1-ON-1 ASSISTANCE WITH
NYCDOF PROPERTY TAX REBATES**

- 15 min slots for NYCDOF personalized assistance
- Assistance with: SCHE, DHE, SCRIE, DRIE, more
- Digital translation assistance available

Bring relevant ID, tax return, and documents

Cosponsored by:



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Nily Rozic



Assembly Member
David Weprin

Hillcrest
Jewish Center

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Community Board



Council Member
James Gennaro



Council Member
Linda Lee

For more information:

Call: 718-765-6675 or Email: Liu@nysenate.gov

E-Scooter Safety Tips



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nyscas.studentgroups.columbia.edu

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTIFICATION (S)



- None Received

*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 NOTICE



- 67-40 173rd Street - Full Demolition
- 143-18 84th Road - Full Demolition
- 143-20 84th Road - Full Demolition
- 144-47 77th Avenue - Excavation
- 75-32 186nd Street - Excavation

Are you getting the most out of Medicaid?

Housing

Nutrition

Employment

Education

Transportation

Public Health Solutions | **WholeYouNYC**

Medicaid can cover more than just health care.

Do you live in Queens and have Medicaid?
 Fill out [WholeYouNYC's self-screener](#) to see what you may qualify for.

CITY PARKING RULES

The City suspends alternate side parking regulations for both street cleaning purposes and traffic flow, on legal and/or religious holidays.



Purim.....Tues., Mar. 3rd
 Idul-Fitr (Eid Al-Fitr).....Fri.-Sat., March 20th—21st

*(Parking meters are still in effect. * Except during major holidays)*



March 2026

Community Board 8, Queens

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 HAPPY PURIM	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Board Meeting Public Hearing 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike	12	13	14
15	16	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 Eid Al-Fitr Mubarak	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Palm Sunday	30	31				

“It is past time for women to take their rightful place, side-by-side with men, in the rooms where the fates of peoples, where their children’s and grandchildren’s fates, are decided.”