



# January

## COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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## Happy New Year 2020! We hope you enjoy our special CB8 Winter Guide pull-out.

Community Board 8, Queens  
Hillcrest Jewish Center  
183-02 Union Turnpike (Auditorium)  
Fresh Meadows, NY 11366

The Minutes of November 13, 2019 Board Meeting were approved by 28 members.

### Chairperson Martha Taylor:

Best wishes to Board Member Jesse Rosenbaum for a speedy recovery who is recuperating from knee surgery. We wish him the best. Best wishes to DM Adam-Ovide who is not feeling well and could not attend the meeting tonight. The 2020 CB8 meeting dates were approved with no changes.

### Committee Reports:

**Dr. Penny Stern, Health Committee Chair** - Pre-diabetes in Adolescents and Young Adults:

A study from the CDC reported that nearly 1 in 5 adolescents aged 12-18 years, and 1 in 4 young adults aged 19-34 years, are living with pre-diabetes. Pre-diabetes is a health condition in which blood sugar levels are higher than normal, but not yet high enough to be diagnosed as Type 2 diabetes. It also increases the risk of developing chronic kidney disease, heart disease and stroke. Some of the signs and symptoms associated with diabetes include: increased thirst, frequent urination, extreme hunger, unexplained weight loss, presence of ketones in the urine (*this happens when there is not enough insulin in the body*), fatigue, irritability, blurred vision, slow healing sores and frequent infections.

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The next CB8 meeting will be on **Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.**  
Minutes of Board Meetings are available on our website: [www.nyc.gov/queenscb8](http://www.nyc.gov/queenscb8) within two weeks.

## ***A Word from the District Manager ...***

*Dear Community Board 8 Resident:*

*The Department of Design and Construction (DDC) informed us that its contractor, Gianfia Corp., will discontinue all work under DDC Project # HWPR18Q2. This is to comply with the Holiday Embargo. This begins on Monday, December 23, 2019 and ends on Monday, January 6, 2020. This project includes the rehabilitation and upgrading of existing pedestrian ramps in Community Board 8 and neighboring Community Boards 11, 12 & 13.*

*The staff joins me in wishing you and yours a very Happy New Year with all the best that life has to offer.*

***It takes more than City Hall to make New York City great, it takes us all!***

*Sincerely,*

***Marie Adam-Ovide***

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The risk of developing diabetes increases with age. Make sure you are eating properly by ingesting fruits and vegetables. Exercising regularly for at least a 30-minute period is key to maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

### **Michael Hannibal, Census Committee Co- Chair**

#### **AD Hoc Census Committee:**

They met once again with the Committee [QCCC] to speak about the process of the census. Many organizations, corporations are doing outreach to educate the public and make sure they are counted. They are looking to have community district leaders from other districts to talk about how they can support Census outreach. The second half of the meeting consisted of discussions by the sub-committees and their potential strategies for reaching out to local business and engaging as potential census outreach partners. He reminded everyone that the census is safe to fill out and Census workers are federally prohibited from disclosing information to anyone.

### **COMMUNITY BOARD 8Q MEETINGS**

Community Board 8 meets on the second Wednesday of the month [*unless it falls on a legal or religious holiday*] except for the months of July and August. The meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. at the Hillcrest Jewish Center's auditorium located at 183-02 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows.

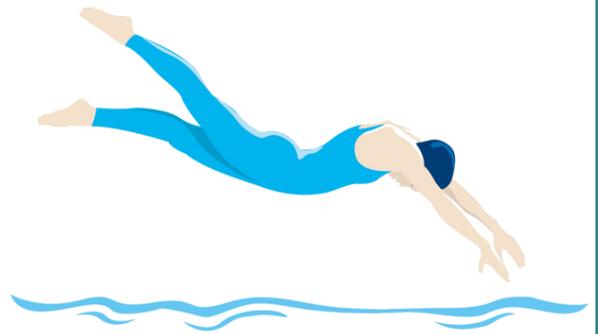
The meeting dates for 2020 are as follows:

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|-----------------|--------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| ◇ January 15th  | ◇ April 22nd | ◇ <i>July - No meeting</i>   | ◇ October 14th  |
| ◇ February 12th | ◇ May 13th   | ◇ <i>August - No meeting</i> | ◇ November 18th |
| ◇ March 11th    | ◇ June 10th  | ◇ September 9th              | ◇ December 9th  |

# Flushing Meadows Corona Park Pool & Rink

**Message from the FMCP Administrator  
Janice Melnick, Executive Director**

“Due to upcoming emergency ceiling work at the Flushing Meadows Corona Park Aquatic Center, the pools will be closed to the public for at least 6 weeks, starting on Monday, January 13, 2020. This work will install extensive ceiling netting in the pool and rink areas, and will impact pool programming at the facility. We do not plan on closing the ice rink at this time and are working diligently to avoid any service interruptions in their normal operating hours.



While the pools are closed, all pool programming will be cancelled during this time. We are committed to the needs of the Queens community, and we encourage our recreation center members to use any of our other recreation centers citywide during this closure. Nearby recreation centers include:

- Al Oerter Recreation Center (131-40 Fowler Avenue)
- Lost Battalion Hall Recreation Center (93-29 Queens Boulevard)
- Roy Wilkins Recreation Center (177th St & Baisley Boulevard).

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time. Should you have questions or comments about the indoor pool, please feel free contact the Flushing Meadows Corona Park Aquatic Center at (718) 271-7572. For more information and updates about the ice rink, please visit the [www.worldice.com](http://www.worldice.com).”

## DSNY Collection Schedule

**No Trash, Recycling nor Curbside Compost Collection** will occur on **New Year’s Day** (January 1, 2020), **Martin Luther King Jr. Day** (Monday, January 20, 2020)

- Residents who normally receive **trash and compost collection** on these days should place their materials out at curbside after 4 p.m. on the evening of the holiday for next day collection.
- Residents should hold their **recyclables** until the following week for collection.

In addition, all DSNY administrative offices will be closed on **January 1st and January 20th** in observance of the holidays.





# Affordable Housing for Rent



## 177-14 Wexford Terrace Apartments

**12 NEWLY CONSTRUCTED UNITS AT 177-14 Wexford Terrace, Jamaica, NY 11432  
Jamaica Estates**

**Amenities:** Elevator, dishwashers, recreation area, balconies, coin-operated laundry machines\*, bike storage\* (\*additional fees apply)

**Transit:** Trains: F; Buses: Q1, Q2, Q3, Q76, Q17, Q36, Q43, Q77

**No application fee • No broker's fee • Smoke-free building • More information:** <http://bit.ly/177-14Wexford>

This building is anticipated to receive a Tax Exemption through the 421a Tax Incentive program of the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development.

### Who Should Apply?

Individuals or households who meet the income and household size requirements listed in the table below may apply. Qualified applicants will be required to meet additional selection criteria. Applicants who live in New York City receive a general preference for apartments.

- Preference for a percentage of units goes to:
  - Mobility-disabled applicants (5%)
  - Vision/Hearing-disabled applicants (2%)

## AVAILABLE UNITS AND INCOME REQUIREMENTS

Unit Size	130% AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI) UNITS	Monthly Rent <sup>1</sup>	Units Available		Household Size <sup>2</sup>	Annual Household Income <sup>3</sup> <i>Minimum – Maximum<sup>4</sup></i>
1 bedroom			\$1,650	6	→	1 person
	2 people					\$56,572 - \$111,020
	3 people					\$56,572 - \$124,930
2 bedrooms		\$1,950	6	→	2 people	\$66,858 - \$111,020
					3 people	\$66,858 - \$124,930
					4 people	\$66,858 - \$138,710
					5 people	\$66,858 - \$149,890

<sup>1</sup> Tenant is responsible for electricity which includes heat, hot water and stove.

<sup>2</sup> Household size includes everyone who will live with you, including parents and children. Subject to occupancy criteria.

<sup>3</sup> Household earnings includes salary, hourly wages, tips, Social Security, child support, and other income. Income guidelines subject to change.

<sup>4</sup> Minimum income listed may not apply to applicants with Section 8 or other qualifying rental subsidies. Asset limits also apply.

### How Do You Apply?

Apply online or through mail. To apply online, please go to [nyc.gov/housingconnect](http://nyc.gov/housingconnect). To request an application **by mail, send a self-addressed envelope to: 177-14 Wexford Terrace Apartments C/O Reside New York, 381 South 5<sup>th</sup> St, #1, Brooklyn, NY 11211.** Only send one application per development. Do not submit duplicate applications. Do not apply online and also send in a paper application. Applicants who submit more than one application may be disqualified.

### When is the Deadline?

Applications must be postmarked or submitted online no later than **January 3, 2020**. Late applications will not be considered.

### What Happens After You Submit an Application?

After the deadline, applications are selected for review through a lottery process. If yours is selected and you appear to qualify, you will be invited to an appointment of eligibility to continue the process of determining your eligibility. Appointments are usually scheduled from 2 to 10 months after the application deadline. You will be asked to bring documents that verify your household size, identity of members of your household, and your household income.

Mayor Bill de Blasio • HPD Commissioner Louise Carrol



# CB8'S WINTER GUIDE

## Winter Storms.

BEING PREPARED TO WEATHER THE COLD SEASON

### What Can I Do?

#### Salt



Rock salt or more environmentally safe products to melt ice on walkways. Visit the EPA for a complete list of recommended products.

#### Heating



Sufficient heating fuel. You may become isolated in your home and regular fuel sources may be cut off. Store a good supply of dry, seasoned wood for your fireplace or wood-burning stove.

#### Shovel



Snow shovels and other snow removal equipment.

#### Clothing



Adequate clothing and blankets to keep you warm.

#### Pets



Bring pets/companion animals inside during winter weather. Move other animals or livestock to sheltered areas with non-frozen drinking water.

#### Plan



Make a Family Communications Plan. Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to know how you will contact one another, how you will get back together and what you will do in case of an emergency.

#### Know the Terms

**Freezing Rain** - Rain that freezes when it hits the ground, creating a coating of ice on roads, walkways, trees and power lines.

**Sleet** - Rain that turns to ice pellets before reaching the ground. Sleet also causes moisture on roads to freeze and become slippery.

**Winter Weather Advisory** - Winter weather conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences and may be hazardous. When caution is used, these situations should not be life threatening.

**Winter Storm Watch** - A winter storm is possible in your area. Tune in to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio, or television for more information.

**Winter Storm Warning** - A winter storm is occurring or will soon occur in your area.

**Blizzard Warning** - Sustained winds or frequent gusts to 35 miles per hour or greater and considerable amounts of falling or blowing snow (reducing visibility to less than a quarter mile) are expected to prevail for a period of three hours or longer.

**Frost/Freeze Warning** - Below freezing temperatures are expected.

#### Radio



Listen to a NOAA Weather Radio or other local news channels for critical information from the National Weather Service (NWS). Be alert to changing weather conditions.

#### Travel



Minimize travel. If travel is necessary, keep a disaster supplies kit in your vehicle.

#### Assist



Above all, be prepared to check on family and neighbors who are especially at risk from cold weather hazards: young children, older adults, and the chronically ill. If you have pets, bring them inside. If you cannot bring them inside, provide adequate, warm shelter and unfrozen water to drink.

#### Sand



Sand sidewalks and driveway to improve traction and safety.

**NYPD**

[www.nyc.gov/nypd](http://www.nyc.gov/nypd)

## Winter Driving.

BEING PREPARED TO WEATHER THE COLD SEASON

### What Can I Do?

#### Prepare



Remove any ice and snow from windshield, windows, and mirrors.

#### Aware



Be aware that as ice melts, conditions can become slippery.

#### Operation

Make turns as gently as possible. Do not brake jarredly than necessary.

#### Speed



Slow down. Drive slowly and smoothly. If road is slippery, don't drive. Stop at first safe place.

#### Starting



Start gently. Get the feel of the road.

#### Winterize Your Car

**Antifreeze levels** - ensure they are sufficient to avoid freezing.

**Battery and ignition system** - should be in top condition and battery terminals should be clean.

**Brakes** - check for wear and fluid levels.

**Exhaust system** - check for leaks and crimped pipes and repair or replace as necessary.

**Fuel and air filters** - replace and keep water out of the system by using additives and maintaining a full tank of gas to prevent freezing.

**Gas** - Keep gas tank full to avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines.

**Heater and defroster** - ensure they work properly.

**Lights and flashing hazard lights** - check for serviceability.

**Oil** - check for level and weight. Heavier oils congeal more at low temperatures and do not lubricate as well.

**Thermostat** - ensure it works properly.

**Tires** - check tire tread or, if necessary, replace tires with all-weather or snow tires.

**Windshield wiper equipment** - repair any problems and use a wintertime formula in your windshield washer.

#### Emergency Kit

shovel  
windshield scraper  
small broom  
flashlight  
booster cables  
flares  
tire pump  
bag of sand or cat litter (for traction)  
compass and maps  
battery powered radio  
extra batteries  
plastic bags (for sanitation)

water  
snack food  
matches  
extra hats, socks and mittens  
first aid kit with pocket knife  
necessary medications  
blanket(s)  
tow chain or rope  
road salt and sand  
booster cables  
emergency flares  
fluorescent distress flag

#### Traveling in Weather

Be aware of current and forecast weather conditions at all points of your journey.

Avoid traveling when the weather service has issued advisories.

Inform a friend or relative of your proposed route and expected time of arrival.

#### If Stranded

Stay with your car unless safety is no more than 100 yards away, but continue to move arms and legs.

Stay visible by putting bright cloth on the antenna, turning on the inside overhead light (when engine is running), and raising the hood when snow stops falling.

Run the engine and heater only 10 minutes every hour.

Keep a downwind window open.

Make sure the tailpipe is not blocked.

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# Winter at Home.

BEING PREPARED TO WEATHER THE COLD SEASON

## What Can I Do?

### Insulate



Install weather stripping, insulation, and storm windows. Insulate water lines that run along exterior walls.



### Carbon Monoxide

Install a CO detector to alert you of the presence of the deadly, odorless, colorless gas. Check batteries regularly.



### Shoveling

Work slowly. Wear appropriate outdoor clothing.



### Heating

Have your heating system serviced professionally to make sure that it is clean, working properly and ventilated to the outside.



### Roof

Clean out gutters and repair roof leaks.



### Chimney

Inspect and clean fireplaces and chimneys.



### Source

Have a safe alternate heating source and alternate fuels available.



### Smoke

Keep grills, camp stoves, and generators out of the house, basement and garage. Locate generators at least 20 feet from the house. Install a smoke detector. Test batteries monthly.



### No Heat.

Immediately report lack of heat or hot water by calling 311.

### Outdoors

Wear appropriate outdoor clothing: layers of light, warm clothing; mittens; hats; scarves; and waterproof boots.

Sprinkle cat litter or sand on icy patches.

Be aware of the wind chill factor.

Work slowly when doing outside chores.

Take a buddy and an emergency kit when you are participating in outdoor recreation.

### Emergency Kit

Carry a cell phone

Keep an up-to-date emergency kit, including:

Battery-operated devices, such as a flashlight, a radio, and lamps; extra batteries;

first-aid kit and extra medicine; baby items.

**NYPD**

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## Think Before You Shovel!

Penny Stern, MD, MPH

Recently, we dodged the snow bullet and everyone heaved a sigh of relief. But inevitably, winter and its many challenges will eventually arrive. And so, I'd like to discuss an important topic: snow shoveling. I know a doctor who has the following sign in his exam room: **NO, YOU MAY NOT SHOVEL SNOW!**

He created this sign after being asked this question innumerable times by patients. And this is the opinion of many health care providers when it comes to older adults shoveling snow.

There are reasons why caution is needed regarding snow shoveling. First, shoveling snow, or even using a weighty snow blower can have a profound effect on your body – it can raise your heart rate and blood pressure quickly and more so than many other kinds of exercise. This can put a huge strain on your body. Shoveling can also place demands on your arms, which are often not as used to heavy exercise. Also, many people rise in the morning, see the snow piled up and jump into action. The current and best medical advice is NOT to shovel immediately after awakening. You may have heard that heart attacks often occur in the early morning period probably because blood is more predisposed to clotting in the morning. Therefore, don't increase your risk by engaging in this heavy kind of exercise. And, cold weather is another problem because that alone can cause blood pressure to surge, which may interfere with smooth blood flow to the heart and can also contribute to blood being more likely to clot.

So, here are tips for safe shoveling if you must do it:

1. Warm up before starting – give your muscles a chance to prepare for this kind of effort.
2. Shovel light loads instead of heavier loads – many people try to get the task over as soon as possible by lifting very heavy loads with each shoveling pass. Don't do it – lifting more but lighter loads will be safer in the long run.
3. Take breaks often.
4. If you feel short of breath, or lightheaded, or you experience chest pain of any kind or any other abnormal or unusual symptom, STOP IMMEDIATELY!
5. If you need to, call 911 – don't diagnose yourself! Remember, a doctor who treats himself has a fool for a patient.
6. Ask a local teen to shovel. Or, if you have a teen, let him or her do the job. The exertion associated with snow shoveling is less likely to bother younger folks.

## Protect Your Pipes from Freezing

Homeowners are responsible for protecting pipes and water meters from freezing. Most water meters and pipes are in basements, crawl spaces, and other unheated areas, where cold winter temperatures could cause them to freeze.

If a meter freezes and breaks because the homeowner did not take reasonable steps to protect it, DEP will repair or replace the meter and bill the homeowner for the cost. If a service line or pipe freezes and breaks, it is the homeowner's responsibility to have repairs made by a licensed plumber.

### Cold Weather Tips to Protect Your Pipes and Meters

- Repair broken and cracked windows, doors, and walls
- Install storm windows on basement windows
- Tightly close doors and windows to the outside
- Insulate outside walls
- Eliminate drafts from crawl spaces
- Turn off the water to outside faucets, remove hoses, and drain the pipes
- Ask your local plumbing supplier about materials to insulate pipes and meters
- Take extra care to ensure your meter is insulated if it is installed in an unheated garage
- Insulate the wall and open cabinets if pipes or meters are in a closed cabinet against an outside wall to allow warmer air to reach them

**Arrange to have someone turn on a faucet periodically if you are going to be out of town during cold weather.**

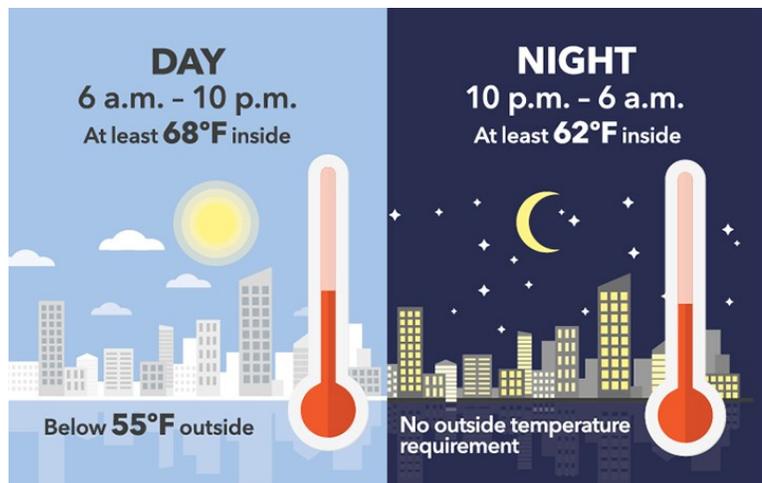
### What to Do When Your Pipes or Meters Freeze

1. Open a faucet near the frozen point to release vapor from melting ice.
2. Direct a hair dryer or heat lamp at the frozen section, or put a small space heater nearby; and, **NEVER** thaw a frozen pipe or meter with an open flame. This is not only a fire hazard, but could also cause a steam explosion.



Building owners are legally required to provide heat and hot water to their tenants. Hot water must be provided 365 days per year at a constant minimum temperature of 120 degrees Fahrenheit. Heat must be provided between October 1st & May 31st, as shown →

If you are a tenant without heat or hot water, contact your landlord first. This is the easiest way to resolve housing quality issues. If your landlord is unresponsive, file a 311 complaint.



# Dealing with Snow



## *A Guide for Homeowners, Property Managers, Businesses & Residents*

- Prepare in advance for the snow season by getting the necessary equipment, including a good snow shovel and ice melt or material to help with traction.
- If you live on a private street, get together with your Homeowner Association (HOA) and make sure there is a plan for snow removal.
- Know what is too much for you. Pace yourself when cleaning snow because it can be a physically-intensive and strenuous task. In cases of heavy snowfall, you may want to consider hiring a service or a person to clean the snow from your sidewalk or driveway.
- If you can, look in on and help your neighbors, older adults, people with disabilities, or those otherwise unable to leave their home.

### **Who is responsible for cleaning snow and ice from the sidewalk?**

According to the NYC Administrative Code, every owner, lessee, tenant, occupant or other person having charge of any lot or building must clean snow and ice from the sidewalks adjacent (i.e., in front of, on the side of, in back of) to their properties.

### **How long do I have to clean the sidewalk?**

If the snow stops falling between:

- 7:00 a.m. and 4:59 p.m. - you must clear within four hours
- 5:00 p.m. and 8:59 p.m. - you must clear within fourteen hours
- 9:00 p.m. and 6:59 a.m. - you must clear by 11:00 a.m. the next day

*Example: If the snow stops falling at 7:00 p.m., the owner, lessee, tenant, occupant or other person in charge of any lot or building has until 9:00 a.m. the following morning to clear.*

### **What is the best way to clean snow from the sidewalk?**

Remove snow along the sidewalk adjacent to your property. Do not push snow from the sidewalk into the street. Clear the snow from around the fire hydrant if there is one in front of your property. Do not cover crosswalks with snow. You should move the snow to your front yard, behind the stoop line, or to the grassy curb strip if one exists.

Where possible, clear a continuous path at least four feet wide along the sidewalk. Corner property owners should clear a path to the crosswalk, including any pedestrian ramps, and where the snow has melted and creates a puddle, disperse the water away from the crosswalk. This will help people who utilize wheelchairs, walkers and other mobility devices, children in strollers, and students going to school.

**Who clears fire hydrants and catch basins?**

According to the NYC Administrative Code, the person having charge of the adjoining property is responsible for keeping the fire hydrant clear of snow and ice and any other debris or materials to ensure it is accessible during a fire emergency.

While there is no specific requirement to clear snow around catch basins, they provide drainage when snow and ice begin to melt. Clearing the catch basins, and placing a channel towards the catch basin, will help prevent flooding when snow and ice begin to melt.

Clearing fire hydrants and catch basins benefits everyone on the block and is something that block residents may wish to work together on to help address.

**Why do snow plows leave a ridge at the end of my driveway? Who is responsible for clearing the ridge?**

Snow ridges are an unavoidable after-effect of plowing streets, particularly in larger or heavier snow storms. DSNY must plow to create a passable driving lane. While this clears a path for traffic, in times of heavy snow, it may leave a snow ridge. We appreciate this concern. However, residents are responsible for clearing any ridge in front of their driveway. We suggest driveways be cleared after street snow clearing operations are conducted and completed. It is important that snow may not be placed in the street because this could create hazardous conditions and the need to re-plow the street, which may result in the creation of another snow ridge in front of one’s driveway. Placing snow in the street, if observed by Sanitation personnel, could result in the issuance of a Notice of Violation, with a fine of \$100.

**How can locations that do not clear their sidewalks be reported?**

Residents can make a *Failure to Clean Ice/Snow* from sidewalk service request to the NYC 311 Customer Service Center by calling 311 or visiting [www.nyc.gov/311](http://www.nyc.gov/311).

- Make sure the problem is on the public sidewalk (not on stoops or internal pathways).
- Provide a specific address.
- Make sure the time period (listed above under “How long do I have to clear the sidewalk?”) has passed since the snow stopped.

**What happens if I don’t clear my sidewalk?**

Homeowners, property managers, businesses, or others, who do not comply, can face fines of:

- \$100            1<sup>st</sup> Offense
- \$150            2<sup>nd</sup> Offense
- \$250            3<sup>rd</sup> Offense and subsequent

For additional snow related resources, visit <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/site/services/snow-response>



# Snow Operations FAQs

DSNY is responsible for snow removal from the City's 19,000 lane miles of roadways. When weather predictions show a winter storm, DSNY personnel begin equipment readiness, including loading salt spreaders, attaching plows, preparing tire chains and notifying personnel.

## **When do salt spreaders start working?**

Salt spreaders are the first line of defense. Many salt spreaders are pre-positioned before the storm starts. They spread a mix of rock salt and calcium chloride when a trace amount of snow, or other frozen precipitation, has fallen.

## **Does DSNY pre-treat streets with salt?**

Depending upon conditions, DSNY may "pre-salt" some locations that are more prone to earlier freezing. Additionally, DSNY added anti-icing vehicles to its fleet in 2019. These vehicles will be used before a storm, spreading brine before snow and ice can build up.

## **When are snow plows used? How do they work?**

Plows may be pre-positioned before the start of a storm and begin operating once nearly two inches of snow has accumulated. **Plows are not designed to scrape the street to blacktop.** The plow is set slightly off the ground so the truck will not "trip" on uneven streets or manhole covers. **Remember, a plowed street will not show clear to the blacktop.** This is to be expected. A combined approach of salting roadways and using plows is most effective in heavy snowfall.

## **Who is responsible for cleaning snow and ice from the sidewalk?**

Owners, lessees, tenants, or other occupants are responsible for clearing snow and ice from sidewalks. Snow and ice should NOT be pushed in to a street or crosswalk. Where possible, clear a continuous 4 foot path. Corner properties should clear a path to the crosswalk, including pedestrian ramps. Those who do not comply can face fines. If possible, consider assisting elderly or disabled neighbors.

[nyc.gov/dsny](https://nyc.gov/dsny) | [maps.nyc.gov/snow](https://maps.nyc.gov/snow)

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### **Why does temperature matter?**

Rock salt begins to lose effectiveness once temperatures dip below 24 degrees Fahrenheit, but DSNY adds calcium chloride to increase the salt's effectiveness. Residents must be mindful that when temperatures dip, snow and ice removal will take more time.

### **Why do plows push snow to the right?**

On two-lane streets, plows push snow to the right to avoid blocking the oncoming left lane with a ridge of snow. If plows did not push snow to the right on one-way streets, accumulated snow would make left turns at intersections impossible.

### **In what order are streets plowed?**

In 2016, DSNY implemented a sectoring system in all five boroughs for addressing roadways. The sectoring system achieves routing efficiencies by eliminating redundant travel mileage between street segments on a given route.

Streets are categorized as either "critical", "sector" or "haulster". Critical streets include expressways, bus routes, streets with hospitals and schools, and other roadways to facilitate the movement of fire trucks, ambulances, police and other emergency vehicles. Sector streets include all streets not classified as critical that can accommodate a full size DSNY plow. Haulster streets include the remaining streets not classified as critical that cannot accommodate a full size DSNY plow.

### **How can salt spreaders and plows be tracked?**

New Yorkers can view **PlowNYC** at [maps.nyc.gov/snow](https://maps.nyc.gov/snow) to determine a street's designation and the approximate time that has elapsed since a DSNY salt spreader or plow last appeared. Please note that weather conditions, construction projects, closures, or other events may cause actual conditions to differ from the data presented. In addition, the maps may contain inaccuracies due to variations in signal strength and the AVL system.

### **When will garbage and recycling be picked up when it's snowing?**

Garbage and recycling collection may be delayed or suspended, depending on the intensity of the storm. This information will be available via 311, the DSNY website, and on social media outlets.



## Ice Safety Tips (from [NYC Parks & Recreation](#))

During the winter months, ponds and lakes in City parks may appear frozen, but venturing onto them is extremely dangerous and can cause potentially fatal accidents. To remind people of the dangers of thin ice, NYC Department of Parks & Recreation posts warning signs along the perimeter of city lakes and ponds in English and in Spanish. Special ladders are also installed around the edges of city lakes for trained personnel to use in case someone falls through the ice.

- Never go on frozen waters (unless clearly marked otherwise with official signs).
- Parents and caregivers should make sure children are never unattended near ice.
- If you hear cracking, lie down immediately to try to distribute your weight.
- If you witness someone falling through ice, never attempt to make a rescue by yourself.
- Call 911 and notify the proper authorities.



**NYC Parks**



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Fresh Meadows Library Presents:

# NAME THAT TUNE



60'S 70'S 80'S 90'S & NOW

ARE YOU GOOD AT GUESSING THE NAME OF POPULAR SONGS? IF SO, THEN JOIN US FOR A FUN HOUR OF "NAME THAT TUNE"! SONGS WILL BE FROM THE 60s TO CURRENT. THE WINNING TEAM WILL RECEIVE A PRIZE!

**Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>  
2:30 pm**

**FRESH MEADOWS**

Mon	9-8
Tue	1-6
Wed	10-6
Thu	12-8
Fri	10-6
Sat	10-5
Sunday	Closed

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# Fresh Meadows Library **KIDS TRIVIA PRESENTS:**



Attention 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup> graders:

JOIN US FOR A FUN HOUR OF MATH TRIVIA!  
THE PLAYER WHO ANSWERS THE MOST  
QUESTIONS CORRECT WILL GET TO CHOOSE  
A PRIZE FROM OUR "PRIZE BOX" AND WILL BE  
ENTERED INTO OUR "KIDS TRIVIA HALL OF  
FAME"!

**Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>  
4:30 pm**

**FRESH MEADOWS**

Mon 9-8  
Tue 1-6  
Wed 10-6  
Thu 12-8  
Fri 10-6  
Sat 10-5  
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## LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION (S)

- ◆ **Virdig Enterprises Inc. d/b/a Alba Pizza & Restaurant**  
137-65 Queens Blvd., Briarwood - *Renewal of Full Liquor License*
- ◆ **Zen Fusion Cuisine Inc.**  
79-28 Parsons Blvd., Flushing - *Renewal of Full Liquor License*
- ◆ **Jasodra Henry d/b/a Lovells Guiding Light**  
148-33 Hillside Avenue, Jamaica - *Renewal of 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 NOTICE/VACATE ORDER

**Demolition Notice (DOB)** - There were no demolition notices received for January.

**Vacate Order (HPD)** - There were no vacate order notices received for January.



## CITY PARKING RULES

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



New Year's Day.....Wednesday, January 1st  
 Three King's Day.....Monday, January 6th  
 MLK Jr's Day .....Monday, January 20th  
 Lunar New Year's Eve.....Friday, January 24th  
 Lunar New Year.....Saturday, January 25th

**Remember, parking meters are still in effect except on New Year's Day**

## **Mulchfest**

**Say fir-well to your holiday tree at NYC Parks!**



**Cunningham Park – Union Turnpike and 196th Place (December 26th to January 11th)**

Put on your boots and haul your tree to Cunningham Park. The tree will be chipped into wood chips that will be used to nourish trees and Make NYC greener!

**Chipping Saturdays: January 4th and January 11th (10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)**

If you bring your tree on “Chipping Saturdays” you get to take home a **tree-mento!** Your tree will be chipped and you will receive your own bag of mulch to use in your backyard or to make a winter bed for a street tree.

**Please remember to remove all the trimmings before bringing the tree to the mulch site.**



# January 2020

## Community Board 8, Queens

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b>	2	3	4
5	6  Epiphany	7  Orthodox Christmas	8	9	10	11 HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY
12	13	14  Orthodox New Year	15 Board Meeting Hillcrest J.C. 183-02 Union Turnpike 7:30 p.m.	16	17	18
19	20 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY Office Closed 	21	22	23	24	25  HAPPY NEW YEAR
26	27  HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE Day	28	29	30	31	

*"It always seems impossible until it's done."* – Nelson Mandela