



## COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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### OFFICERS

**CHAIRPERSON:** Martha Taylor  
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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  
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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.

## *It's Spring Cleaning Time!*

### March's Community Board 8 Public Hearing/Meeting (recap) 183-02 Union Turnpike Fresh Meadows

- The minutes of Wednesday, February 11, 2026, were unanimously approved by 25 members.
- **Chairperson's Report:**  
Senator John Liu sponsored an event in which they had the Department of Finance. They would like to come and present to the board. If anyone thinks this is a good idea, please let Marie know.

The staff is now required to take active shooter preparedness training. This will be done online by March 25, 2026. They will learn:

- Ways to prepare for an active shooter event.
- The A-B-C Protocol and actions to take when faced with an active shooter situation.
- Expectations when engaging with law enforcement officers who are responding to a crisis situation.
- Other considerations to make when in a crisis situation.

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**The next Public Hearing/Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 2026**

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

[www.nyc.gov/queenscb8](http://www.nyc.gov/queenscb8)

## A Word from CB8...

Dear Stakeholders:

Happy Spring! During this time of year, many of us clean out our closets. It is out with the old and in with the new. The weather is improving and we take more walks outdoors, admiring the beautiful spring flowers. The last thing we want to see is garbage along our commercial strips. To this end, Community Board 8 organized a walkthrough with the Department of Sanitation, Council Member Gennaro's office led by Sanitation/DEP Committee Chairman Mohammed Tohin. This was conducted on the northside of Hillside Avenue, which is part of our jurisdiction.



We spoke to our business owners along Hillside Avenue and provided them with information on how to avoid fines. Some of our goals at Community Board 8 are to make sure that the rules are being followed and that our district is kept clean. We reminded them that they are required to sign up for private carting for their garbage. We also reminded them that they must post their sanitation sticker conspicuously. We directed them to remove some displays that protruded farther than the three (3) feet limit from their property line. We reminded them that although they may display goods in that area, they are not to conduct sales/business on the sidewalks.

This flyer (*Page 4*), which was translated in several languages, was handed out to the shopkeepers to make sure that the information was fully understood. Our goal at Community Board 8 is to educate and promote cleanliness. We know that our business owners work very hard to earn their money and we do not want to hurt them financially.

Now that they are armed with the knowledge, we will work with the agency to make sure that they are following the rules in the months to come.

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-Orsida*

District Manager

*Martha Taylor*

Chairperson

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

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- **Chairperson's Report** *(continued)*:

We are working to change our telephone system. We have many issues with the current telephone system including dropping calls, inability to leave or retrieve messages, etc.

The new system is more reliable and is already in use at another community board, which gave great reviews. The phones can be taken home and used remotely during the inclement weather. The phone can send text messages reminders for meetings – some of our members only have cell phones and no email. There is no cost for installation. Voicemails are sent to the email. Our main number shows when/if we call residents remotely.

- **Guest Speakers:**

**Captain Shumon Syed, 107th Precinct Executive Officer**

Crime is down in the 107th Precinct with a slight spike in grand larceny. Resources have been deployed overnight to combat this issue.

**Officer Kevin McCarthy, 107th Precinct Community Affairs**

He is looking forward to the continued good relationship with the community.

- **Health Minutes with Dr. Stern**

National Nutrition Month began in 1973 as a weeklong observance and grew to a month-long observance in 1980. It was and is sponsored in March each year by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and usually focuses on an overarching theme. This year, the theme is "Discover the Power of Nutrition". The purpose of this awareness campaign is to make sure that people know about the importance of developing good eating and physical activity behaviors.

- **Public Hearing:**

**Fiscal Year 2027 Capital & Expense Budget - Michael Hannibal, 1st Vice-Chair**

This year, CB8's top priorities were upgrading electrical wiring at the Briarwood Family Shelter for their air conditioning, and adequate staffing at the 107th Precinct. Our infrastructure priorities are roadways, sidewalk repairs – reconstruction of Goethals Avenue near St. John's University, and flooding. The board supports investments in our parks, libraries and schools. This includes improvements in Cunningham Park, local playgrounds and Briarwood Library. The board also urges that funding be available for accessible elevators at the Briarwood subway station, the expansion of services for our seniors and resources to allow for community boards to hold hybrid meetings. This letter with the priorities will be sent to the Mayor's Office.

Howard Fried made the motion to approve the letter. It was seconded by Seymour Schwartz.

**Yes - 27**

**No - 0**

**Abstention - 0**

The motion passed.

- **ULURP C250290ZMQ & N250291ZRQ – Hersh Parekh, Zoning Committee Chair**

**164th Street Rezoning:**

This is a request to rezone 164th Street on the eastside between 75th Road toward the north and 76th Avenue toward the south. In 1961, this location was designated as a R3-2 Zoning District. This location is 23,000 square feet and is currently being occupied by a daycare, landscaping business, laundromat and has residential above. Around the location is considered low density residential with one-family and two-family homes. The block that they are seeking to rezone has a commercial overlay. There are two actions they are seeking. The first is a zoning map amendment which would change the existing R3-2 District to an R6A with a C2 Overlay. The second is a zoning text amendment to establish the area to include Mandatory Inclusionary Housing (MIH). Including MIH would mean that residential development would have to include permanently affordable and income restricted housing.

Kenneth Cohen II made the motion to approve the application. It was seconded by Michael Hannibal.

**Yes - 0**

**No - 27**

**Abstention - 0**

The motion failed.

# Avoiding Fines: Businesses

Keep NYC clean, safe and healthy  
by following DSNY rules.



## Hire a Private Carter

Contract with a private carter to collect your trash and recyclables. Post your carter's completed decal on the storefront window or door, and keep a copy of your contract or receipt on hand in the event of an inspection.

Commercial Waste Zones are currently rolling out, with citywide implementation by the end of 2027. See [nyc.gov/cwz](http://nyc.gov/cwz) for compliance schedule and details.

## Recycle and Compost Correctly

All businesses must recycle metal, glass, plastic, beverage cartons, paper, and cardboard. Some businesses must also recycle compostable material, construction waste, or textiles.

## Set Waste Out for Collection Properly

You may not use another person's or business' containers without permission, or place your garbage or recycling in front of a building other than the building in which you work.

All businesses must use bins with secure lids when setting out trash or organics for collection—no black bags on the curb. Businesses may set out waste at the curb after 8:00 PM or 1 hour before closing. Recycling may be set out in clear plastic bags only after 8:00 PM, otherwise it must be in a bin—check with your carter.

Cardboard boxes should be flattened and baled or bundled for set out. This applies only to businesses that set out waste on the curb. This does not apply to businesses that have waste collected from a loading dock.

## Do Not Block Sidewalks

Call 311 to learn if signage or displays are allowed on your specific street.

## Use Litter Baskets Correctly

Litter baskets are for "on the go" items and can't be used for commercial/household garbage or street litter.

## Advertise Correctly

It's illegal to put flyers or business cards on vehicles or on City-owned property, such as lampposts or traffic signs.

## Keep Your Business Front Clean

Clean your sidewalk and gutter area (18 inches from the curb into the street). Enforcement Officers check for compliance twice a day—enter your address at [nyc.gov/CleaningEnforcement](http://nyc.gov/CleaningEnforcement) to see the times. Tickets may be issued for other violations at any time.

## Clear Snow and Ice From Sidewalks

Create a path at least 4 feet wide. Do not put snow in the street. Clear around fire hydrants and sidewalk corner ramps.

## THINGS TO KNOW:

### Foam

Businesses cannot sell, possess, or offer single-use foam food containers such as clamshells, cups, plates, bowls, trays, and coolers, and may not sell 'packing peanuts.'

### Straws

Food service establishments may not provide single-use plastic beverage straws, except upon request, nor can they provide single-use beverage splash sticks or plastic stirrers.

### Plastic Bags

Single-use plastic bags are banned, with limited exceptions. Businesses covered by the ban must charge a fee on paper bags. This fee will not apply to any customers using SNAP/WIC.

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**HOW TO APPLY:**  
[On.nyc.gov/nycemyouthcommissioner](https://on.nyc.gov/nycemyouthcommissioner)

**DEADLINE**  
**Sunday, April 19, 2026 by 11:59 PM EST**



**DEMOLITION NOTICE**

- **67-28 185th Street** - Excavation /Construction
- **143-22 84th Road** - Excavation
- **JEK Communications Inc.** - This company was contracted by “Spectrum” to perform excavation on the existing cable television system within Community District 8. The locations will be restored once the work is completed. This will be done on Hillside Avenue between 164th Place and 184th Street.



# American-Italian **CANCER FOUNDATION**

**Friday, April 17, 2026**

**9:00am to 4:30pm**

Hosted by

**The Office of Senator Stavisky  
at Cross Island YMCA**

238-10 Hillside Avenue  
Bellerose, NY 11426



**Call to schedule a no-cost mammogram!**

**718-445-0004**


## **ELIGIBILITY:**

- Women ages 40- 75
- Currently living in NYC
- No mammogram in the past 12 months



## **Our services are at no-cost**

- No co-pays or deductibles required. Uninsured patients are welcome
- Please bring a photo ID and insurance card (if insured)
- Medical services provided by Multi-Diagnostic Services

Funded by a grant from  **Cancer Services Program** New partner for cancer screening, support and information Additional funding provided by the generous support of the JALBCA, NBCF, NYC Council, NYC DOHMH, NYS Senate, RAR Foundation, and individual patrons.

## LIQUOR LICENSE NOTIFICATION (S)



•**Cheap Shots NY LLC - Renewal**

149-05 Union Turnpike in Flushing

•**Boondee Moo Ka Ta, Inc. - Renewal**

*d/b/a Boondee Moo Ka Ta*

168-11 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows

*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.*

## Chometz Burning Stations & Sanitation Bin Locations

Date: **Wednesday, April 1, 2026**

*(Burning Stations Set-up . 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.
6. In front of the Congregation Charm Circle at 71-91 Park Drive East.

In addition, remember to place your garbage out on **Tuesday night** for the special collection that will be done on Wednesday.

*Happy Pesach from Community Board 8, Queens!*

## CITY PARKING RULES

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

Holy Thursday.....Thurs., April 2nd  
Good Friday.....Fri., April 3rd  
Passover.....Thurs., April 2nd to Fri., April 3rd  
Passover (7th & 8th days) ... Wed., April 8th to Thurs., April 9th  
Holy Thursday (Orthodox) .....Thurs., April 9th  
Good Friday (Orthodox) .....Fri., April 10th



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



# April 2026

## Community Board 8, Queens

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 	2  Holy Thursday	3  GOOD FRIDAY	4
5 	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Board Meeting Public Hearing 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest J.C. 183-02 Union Turnpike	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Transportation Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Ave	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

*“Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here in Earth”* - Muhammad Ali