



COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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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 – 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.

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

Hillcrest Jewish Center
183-02 Union Turnpike
Fresh Meadows

- **Minutes** - The minutes of Wednesday, April 9, 2025, were unanimously approved with corrections by 39 members.
- **Chairperson's Report:**

Chairperson Martha Taylor congratulated Board Member Wendy Gennaro and Council Member Jim Gennaro on the wedding of their daughter. I know they had a wonderful time. In addition, I want to mention that Jim's Chief of Staff, Henry Yam also got married on the same day at a different place and to a different person (the audience laughed). Tell Henry we said congratulations.

Chairperson Taylor announced that there will be a Zoning Committee Meeting at the Hillcrest Jewish Center next week on **Thursday, May 22, 2025**, at 7:30 p. m. Fresh Meadows Development will make a presentation on changes that they would like to propose for their properties. As you know, they are in a Special Preservation District. Any changes they make must go through ULURP [*Uniform Land Use Review Process*]. Please make it your business to be here. We are having it here in this building so we will have enough room for everyone.

She also announced a scheduled Special Transportation Committee meeting for **Thursday, May 29, 2025**, at 7:30 p.m. at the same venue. The MTA will be discussing the implementation of the new bus routes (Chairperson Taylor requested that they present for 10 to 15 minutes).

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The next Public Hearing/Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 11, 2025**.

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

www.nyc.gov/queenscb8

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

We will also have the Department of Transportation (DOT) to brief us on the e-scooter corrals planned for our district. They will also present the Hillside Avenue Bus Priority Project.

Guest Speaker - Captain Mo Tsang, 107th Precinct Commanding Officer

During the 28-day period, crime is down between 111 and 130 by 19% or minus 14.6%. Almost all categories are down except rape and grand larceny. Most of the rapes were done by friends or families. Two out of three people were arrested. For grand larceny, we had 51% versus 38% which was up by 34%. Eight of the cases involved tires and rims. We are doing well aside from grand larceny. Please do not leave anything valuable in your vehicles or in open areas. Also, watch out for scam text messages and emails.

Shubhra Datta – representing Queens Borough President Donovan Richards

The Borough Presidents office is hosting various events. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to their office at 718-286-3000.

Elections - Chair of the Nominating Committee, Dr. Penny Stern, led the elections:

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

Congratulations to our newly elected Executive Board for 2025-2026.

Public Hearing - Hersh Parekh, Zoning Chair

Jamaica Neighborhood Plan

Department of City Planning's representative, Jasmin Tepale, stated the agency submitted a land use application to start the ULURP process for the Jamaica Neighborhood Plan. Though the full application covers a broad area, the presentation focused on the small area that affects Community District 8.

The Jamaica Neighborhood Plan's proposal would update the zoning rules and include strategic investment to enhance the infrastructure, transit access, open space and more. Community Board 8Q has until May 27, 2025 to submit a written recommendation to the proposal. There are two land use actions that affect Community District 8. These are the zoning map amendment and zoning text amendment. They are being proposed to update zoning districts and rules specific to Jamaica to provide more opportunities for housing and jobs in the area. The zoning map and text amendment is not a proposal to build buildings.

There are rules that are specific to Jamaica Queens known as the downtown Jamaica Special District. DCP is updating those rules with two new rules. The two rules are the only ones that affect Community District 8. The first one is called the School Floor Exemption. They also have a rule that would make developments create a better walking experience by requiring glass transparency and limiting the use of curb cuts along Hillside Avenue.

Mr. Parekh made a motion to approve the Jamaica Neighborhood Plan with two conditions. The conditions are publicly available parking on Hillside Avenue as part of any development that is built under the proposed plan and improvements to mass transit on Hillside Avenue whether it is buses or the subways. He then requested a roll call.

17 Yes 18 No 1 Abstention for cause*

The motion did not pass.

Health Minutes with Dr. Stern

May is Better Sleep Month. More than $\frac{3}{4}$ of adults in this country are not getting enough sleep. The bare minimum number of hours of sleep needed per 24-hour period is 6 hours. About 20% of people get less than 6 hours of sleep. Sleep deficits are linked to car accidents, slips and falls, and relationship problems. We get irritable, angry and depressed with chronic lack of sleep. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that fatigue, relating to lack of sleep, is a contributing cause to more than a million crashes a year.

To improve your sleep, you should do the following:

- Go to sleep and get up at the same time every day even on weekends.
- Try to go to bed within an hour of when you first start to feel tired.
- Keep your room cool, dark and quiet and not use electronic devices before bed.



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A Word from CB8...

Dear Resident,

May this June Newsletter find you in good health. Community Board 8, Queens will host its 12th Annual Health Fair at Cunningham Park on **Friday, June 27, 2025** from **2 p.m. to 5 p.m.** rain or shine (*hopefully shine*).

Our office will be open on that day at 9 a.m. At noon, we will leave for Cunningham Park. Please file any complaints that cannot wait until Monday by calling 311. All other complaints may be sent to us via email at qn08@cb.nyc.gov. They will be addressed on Monday, June 30, 2025. We invite you to join us at the park at 2 p.m. for a healthy afternoon. Please enter through the parking lot located on Union Turnpike and 196th Place in Fresh Meadows.

At Community Board 8, we care about our residents' physical health, mental health, the health of our pets, the health of our planet and even their financial health. To this end, we are planning to offer a host of services including but not limited to health screenings, yoga, meditation, smoking cessation, fun activities for the young and the young at heart. As usual, there will be tons of "freebies" (i.e. tote bags, pens, first aid kits, food scrap bins, etc.). **The Friends of Cunningham Park is sponsoring our event again this year and we thank them.**

Some of our confirmed participants are:

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, WellCare, Ridgewood Savings Bank, Honorable John Liu-State Senator, Honorable Linda Lee - Council Member, Department of Environmental Protection, NY Presbyterian Hospital, NYC Animal Care and Control, Molina Healthcare Inc., Department of Design & Construction, Honorable Assembly Member Sam Berger, Sri Chinmoy Centre, Department of Buildings, Public Health Solutions, Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz and many more to come...

Sincerely Yours in Health,

Marie Adam-Ovide
District Manager

Martha Taylor
Chairperson



NYS SENATOR JOHN C. LIU
 &
NYC DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION



FREE PAPER SHREDDING EVENT



WHEN

Wednesday, June 18th, 2025
9 AM - 12 PM

WHERE

CUNNINGHAM PARK
PARKING LOT 1
UNION TPKE & 196 PLACE

THERE IS A LIMIT OF 75 POUNDS
 NO METAL, PLASTIC, OR CLIPS

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 718-765-6675
OR EMAIL LIU@NYSENATE.GOV



@liu.nyc



@johnliuny



@liunewyork

Martha Taylor
Chairperson



Marie Adam-Ovide
District Manager



COMMUNITY BOARD 8, QUEENS

12TH 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 ©



RECYCLE YOUR E-WASTE

Saturday 06/14/25 10am – 2pm Rain or Shine

Avoid a fine: It's now illegal to discard electronics in the trash!

DROP OFF: Alley Pond Athletic Playground, parking lot
across from 79-20 Winchester Blvd
Queens Village

WE ACCEPT: Working & non-working
computers, monitors, printers/scanners, keyboards, mice,
cables, TVs, VCRs & DVD players, phones, audio/visual
equipment, cell phones & PDA's

Hosted by **Lower East Side Ecology Center**
Co-hosted by Council Member Linda Lee,
Senator Stavisky & John Liu and Assembly Member Rozic & Braunstein

For more information:
lesecologycenter.org or 212.477.4022

The electronic waste collection program is made possible by:





RECYCLE YOUR E-WASTE

Sunday 06/08/2025 10am – 2pm Rain or Shine

Avoid a fine: It's now illegal to discard electronics in the trash!

DROP OFF SITE: Israel Center of Conservative Judaism
167-11 73rd Ave – entrance on 167th St
Fresh Meadows

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Hosted by: Lower East Side Ecology Center
Co-Hosted by: Assemblywoman Nily Rozic
Senator John Liu
Council Member James Gennaro

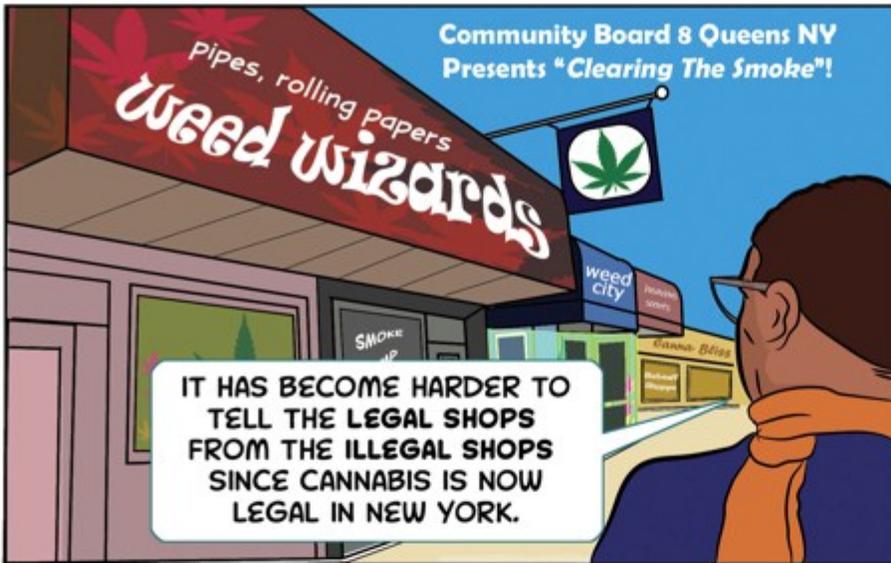
For more information:
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Tentative Resurfacing List 2025

SA	ON STREET	FROM	TO
Q2022-08-018	82 Rd	168 St	164 St
Q2022-08-019	169 St	Union Tpke	Dead End(81 Ave)
Q2022-08-020	168 St	Union Tpke	Grand Central Parkway
Q2022-08-021	167 St	Union Tpke	Grand Central Parkway
Q2023-08-028	172 St	Union Tpke	Jewel Ave
Q2023-08-029	172 St	Jewel Ave	Horace Harding Expwy
Q2023-08-019	Veigh Pl	Main St	Union Tpke
Q2023-08-020	161 St	Union Tpke	Goethals Ave
Q2023-08-021	Goethals Ave	164 St	Parsons Blvd
Q2023-08-022	159 St	Union Tpke	Goethals Ave
Q2023-08-023	160 St	Goethals Ave	Union Tpke
Q2023-08-024	162 St	Goethals Ave	Union Tpke
Q2024-08-011	170 St	Union Tpke	Goethals Ave
Q2024-08-012	Goethals Ave	170 St	164 St
Q2024-08-013	164 Pl	82 Rd	Union Tpke
Q2024-08-014	165 St	Union Tpke	Goethals Ave
Q2024-08-015	166 St	Grand Central Parkway	Union Tpke
Q2023-08-030	167 St	Union Tpke	Jewel Ave
Q2023-08-031	167 St	Jewel Ave	Long Island Expressway
Q2023-08-032	171 St	Long Island Expy S/R	Jewel Ave
Q2023-08-033	68 Ave	171 St	172 St
Q2023-08-034	Peck Ave	Long Island Expy S/R	67 Ave
Q2023-08-035	199 St	67 Ave	Union Tpke
Q2023-08-036	69 Ave	199 St	188 St
Q2024-08-034	75 Ave	188 St	193 St
Q2022-08-025	193 St	Hillside Ave	Foothill Ave
Q2023-08-040	198 St	67 Ave	Union Tpke
Q2023-08-039	185 St	73 Ave	Union Tpke
Q2024-08-040	Chevy Chase St	Union Tpke	Grand Central Pkwy



Community Board 8 Queens NY
Presents "Clearing The Smoke"!

IT HAS BECOME HARDER TO TELL THE LEGAL SHOPS FROM THE ILLEGAL SHOPS SINCE CANNABIS IS NOW LEGAL IN NEW YORK.



AS NEW CANNABIS RETAILERS OPEN UP IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LEGAL AND ILLEGAL CANNABIS SHOPS.

...SO, LET'S CLEAR THE **SMOKE** AROUND **SMOKE** SHOPS!



FIRST, ALWAYS LOOK FOR THE DISPENSARY VERIFICATION TOOL SIGN

THIS SIGN LET'S YOU KNOW THIS IS A NYS LICENSED DISPENSARY.



INSIDE YOU WILL BE GREETED BY TRAINED CERTIFIED STAFF MEMBERS.



THEY WILL ASSIST YOU WITH VARIOUS CANNABIS PRODUCTS!

AND ALL PRODUCTS ARE TESTED AND APPROVED BY THE STATE.



ON THE FLIP SIDE, PRODUCTS FROM ILLEGAL SHOPS ARE NOT TESTED AND MAY CONTAIN SUCH UNSAFE PRODUCTS AS...

..PESTICIDES, HEAVY METALS, YOU NAME IT- SO BUYER BEWARE-!!!



ALSO WHEN YOU SUPPORT A LEGAL DISPENSARY - YOU GIVE BACK TO LOCAL SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS-!

I HOPE THIS CLEARED UP SOME CONFUSION-!



IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS CHECK OUT THE OFFICE OF CANNABIS MANAGEMENT (OCM) LINKS BELOW.

To report illegal shops:
<https://cannabis.ny.gov/report-an-incident>

For the latest legal dispensary updates:
<https://cannbis.ny.gov/>

See you at the next Community Board meeting.

Michael Hernandez

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTIFICATION (S)

Shogun Japan Inc.

205-05 Hillside Avenue in Hollis
Renewal - Wine, Beer and Cider

Opportunity Pancakes LLC

d/b/a IHOP
170-19 Hillside Avenue in Jamaica
NEW - Wine, Beer and Cider



Esquina Del Buen Sabor Inc.

79-34 Parsons Blvd. in Fresh Meadows
NEW - Wine, Beer and Cider

GLBCafe Corp

d/b/a Elite Cafe
72-28 Main Street in Flushing
NEW - Wine, Beer and Cider

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, June 17, 2025

7:30 p.m.

Please submit written testimony in support or against any new applications by the end of the day on **Friday, June 13, 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).

DEMOLITION/VACATE NOTICE

- 199-10 Union Turnpike - [Demolition]
- 162-11 77th Road - [Demolition]
- 82-24 Kent Street - [Demolition - Garage Only]
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- 138-19 Coolidge Avenue - [Excavation & Construction]
- 75-20 184th Street - [Excavation & Construction]



Public Hearing Notice
Wednesday, June 11, 2025
7:30 p.m.
Hillcrest Jewish Center
183-02 Union Turnpike
Fresh Meadows

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following matter has been scheduled for public hearing by Community Board 8:

BSA Application Cal. No. 135-08-BZ – 147-06 76th Avenue (AKA 71-52 172nd Street & 71-55 171st Street) – Queens Block 6959 Lot 1 & 9 for the legalization of the addition of an accessory kitchen in the cellar and an amendment to enlarge the existing (*Use Group IIIB*) House of Worship.

For speaking time, please contact our office at 718 264-7895 during normal business hours (*Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.*) and/or no later than 4 p.m. on the date of the hearing. Please share with your friends and neighbors.



PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

Concert in the Park



CUNNINGHAM PARK

June 7, 2025

8 p.m.

Slow Down!
My Mom Works Here.
Your Caution, Her Safety.



VISION ZERO 
Building a Safer City





June 2025

Community Board 8, Queens

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 Executive Cmte. Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office	5 NYPD NCO Meeting Sector B 5:30 p.m. CB8 Office	6 May this Eid al-Adha bring peace, happiness and prosperity to everyone.	7
8	9	10	11 Board Meeting Public Hearing 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike	12	13	14
15 HAPPY FATHERS DAY	16	17 Cannabis/ Liquor License Cmte. Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office	18	19 We're closed!	20 SUMMER SOLSTICE	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 CB8 Health Fair Cunningham Park 2 to 5 p.m. 196th Pl & Union Tpke.	28
29	30					

"It is not biology that determines fatherhood. It is love."

— Kristin Hannah