



# COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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### OFFICERS

**CHAIRPERSON:** Martha Taylor  
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**3rd VICE CHAIR:** Dilip Nath  
**EXEC. SECRETARY:** Bhithara-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

**Vacant – CHAIR,** Heather Bennett-Idels, D. Lavelda Davis, Jennifer Martin, Marisol I. Perez, Israel Peskowitz and Jacob Weinberg.

#### Area 2 – Briarwood

**Seymour Schwartz – CHAIR,** Damian Corbett, Shaleeza Deen, Allen Eisenstein, John Gebhard, Kiiru Gichuru, Elke Maerz, Mohammad Rahman, Araliya Senerat and Douglas Sherman.

#### Area 3 – Hillcrest Estates & Jamaica Hill

**Wendy Gennaro – CHAIR,** Dilafroz Ahmed, Saaif Alam, Sultana Fatema, Bhithara-Martha Fulton, Ahsan Habib, Mohammed “Delwar” Islam, Hersh Parekh and Frances Peterson.

#### Area 4 & 5 – Flushing, Flushing Heights, Flushing Suburban, Hillcrest, Electchester, Georgetown Meus, Pomonok

**Dr. Penny M. Stern – CHAIR,** Marva Dudley, Neeta Jain, Marisol Morales, Dilip Nath, and Kelly Sexton

#### Area 6 – Utopia, Fresh Meadows, West Cunningham Park

**Maria DeInnocentiis – CHAIR,** Armando Echeverry, James Gallagher, Caitlin Marziliano, Rebecca Montalbano, Alan Ong, Tamara Osherov, and Amy Tse

#### Area 7 – Jamaica Estates & Holliswood

**Howard Fried – CHAIR,** Sara Abiboutros, Edward Chung, Sharlene Forbes, Michael Hannibal, Doretha McFadden, Nikolas Michael, David Mordukhaev, Jesse Rosenbaum, Martha Taylor, and Mayer Waxman.



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

The minutes of Wednesday, April 15, 2026, were unanimously approved by 41 members.

### Chairperson's Report:

Chairperson Martha Taylor gave a warm welcome to our new Community Board 8 Member Kiiru Gichuru, who was unable to attend our meeting last month.

She thanked all the CB8 members who returned their Committee Selection Forms last month. She is reviewing all the requests and committee assignment will be given next week. She encouraged every member to make every effort to attend all their assigned committees. She invited them to attend the other committee meetings as well.

She noted that there is a letter from Assemblymember William Colton in which they can all read. If members feel that they would like to support his position, they can have it on the agenda for the next meeting.

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**The next Public Hearing/Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 10, 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:

On **Friday, June 26, 2026**, Community Board 8 will host its thirteenth Annual Health & Resource Fair at Cunningham Park from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Please enter through the parking lot located on Union Turnpike and 196th Place.

If you provide health services, community resources and would like to be a vendor, please contact us ASAP to register. There is no charge to join our event. The only requirement is to provide a free health, nutrition, and/or resources to our residents that is free of charge. This will show your commitment to being a community partner.

Our event will culminate with an hour of delightful jazz music starting at 4 p.m. from the Queens College School of Arts, "As food feeds the body, so does music feed the soul," as per Michael Bassey Johnson.

We would also like to congratulate Caitlin Marziliano for graduating from St. John's University School of Law.

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!**

Sincerely,

*Marie Adam-Orsini*

District Manager

*Martha Taylor*

Chairperson

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

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### Guest Speakers:

**Michael Carlier, Director of Community Boards**, representing *Queens Borough President Donovan Richards*

The Borough President is hosting several events for which residents can register. The QR code to register for these events was provided. For any questions or concerns, Mr. Carlier can be reached at 718-286-2618.

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

Jewelry and telephone scams are on the rise. If you do not recognize a phone number, it is best not to answer it. Some telephone scams include the IRS, a bank and Con-Edison. The IRS does not call anyone by telephone. If you receive a call stating that it is your bank, hang up and call your bank directly *[using the number behind your bank card]*. If you receive a call stating that they are Con-Edison, hang up and call the customer service line *[the number on your bill]*.

On May 31st from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the Precinct is hosting a Touch a Truck event at Queens College in Parking Field 6. Community Affairs is doing their car wash on June 14th. For \$15 you get a car wash plus a hamburger or hot dog and a drink.

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### **Elections - Interim Chair of the Nominating Committee, Alan Ong**

As per the bylaws, the nomination to serve on the Community Board Executive Committee was held in April. The slate was approved and there were no nominations from the floor. Elections were conducted in May, as per our bylaws. Our elected officers for 2026-2027 are:

- \* Chairperson - Martha Taylor
- \* 1st Vice-Chair - Michael Hannibal
- \* 2nd Vice-Chair - Seymour Schwartz
- \* 3rd Vice-Chair - Dilip Nath
- \* Treasurer - Hersh Parekh
- \* Secretary - Bhitihara Fulton

**Congratulations!**

### **Health Minutes with Dr. Stern**

Who knows what America's number one cause of disability is? Give up? It is arthritis – yes, arthritis! May is National Arthritis Awareness Month, a time when we try to bring awareness of this very debilitating condition to the public's attention. Millions of people – including adults and children – in the US suffers from complaints relating to arthritis. But what is arthritis? It is the term applied to inflammation of one or more joints. The result is pain, swelling, and stiffness that over time can limit mobility. There are more than 100 different joint diseases but the most well-known are osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis. Osteoarthritis is often referred to as the wear-and-tear arthritis while rheumatoid arthritis is an autoimmune condition. Osteoarthritis is the most common joint disease. Age, joint overuse, and obesity all can contribute to osteoarthritis. Rheumatoid arthritis is caused when the immune system attacks the lining of the joints with the result being erosion of the bones, especially in the hands, wrists and feet.

So, what to do during this awareness month?

We can work to increase understanding of arthritis and promote treatment options and, ultimately, support searching for a cure. In the meantime, we can try to help those who suffer from severe pain, which affects over quarter of people with arthritis. Their lives may be impacted by reduced mobility, trouble sleeping, and problems with working.

**Guest Speaker - Andrew Germansky**, Chief Real Estate Officer - Westhab  
Senior Citizen Supportive Housing – 138-50 Queens Blvd. in Briarwood

Mr. Andrew Germansky informed the community about the Department of Housing Preservation and Development's Funded Senior Citizen Supportive Housing in Briarwood. Westhab is a nonprofit affordable housing developer and community service provider. They primarily build affordable housing, supportive housing, and transitional housing. This is in partnership with Slate Property Group, which is a for profit affordable housing developer. Slate Property Group will be doing the construction while Westhab is the manager and service provider. The building is next to 138-50 Queens Blvd. in the Briarwood neighborhood, which is an existing homeless shelter for seniors that they currently operate. The project will have 93 units of affordable/supportive housing. This will be for a mix of rent restricted and low-income individuals, families and formally homeless seniors. There will be a minimum of 30% units for formally homeless seniors. Units that are not restricted for seniors will be available for any age population with 60% of the average median income.

# Jazz Music Concerts



**Friday, June 12<sup>TH</sup> at 6 PM**  
Upper Alley Pond Park

**Sunday, June 14<sup>TH</sup> at 11 AM**  
Forest Park: The Overlook  
Sobelsohn Playground- (Union Tpke, Park Lane S)

**Thursday, June 18<sup>TH</sup> at 6 PM**  
Fort Totten Park  
Totten Ave & 15th Rd.

**Friday, June 26<sup>TH</sup> at 4 PM**  
Cunningham Park  
Performance Place

**Join your local community &  
the Queens College School  
of Arts for a jazz session!**

**What to Expect:**  
Meet new people, enjoy  
the outdoors and live music!

*Everyone welcome - bring a friend!*

Scan Here For More Events!



[www.qc.cuny.edu/academics/soa/nycparks](http://www.qc.cuny.edu/academics/soa/nycparks)



Funded by:  
Council Member Linda Lee

Martha Taylor  
Chairperson



Marie Adam-Ovide  
District Manager



Community Board 8, Queens  
**Annual Health Fair**  
**Friday, June 26, 2026**  
at Cunningham Park  
196th Place / Union Turnpike







*(Rain or Shine) 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm*

*Health Screenings, Free Healthy & Nutritious Snacks,  
Fun Activities for Children (Bounce House, etc.)  
Local Government Representatives will be available.*

*Plus - Win Fun Prizes and Get Freebees Galore!*



Queens Center for Progress Presents: **ANNIE KIDS**

-  **Dates:** Thursday, **June 4, 2026**  
Friday, **June 5, 2026**
-  **Time:** 11:00 AM (both days)
-  **Location:** **Queens Centers for Progress Adult Center Auditorium**  
81-15 164th Street, Jamaica, NY 11432
-  **Tickets:** Tickets are **FREE**. Seating is general admission and available on a first-come, first-served basis.  
Reserve them here: <https://tinyurl.com/26QCPPlayers>

**COUNCILMAN JAMES F. GENNARO  
AND NYC PARKS PRESENT**

# **FAMILY DAYS IN QUEENS**



**JUNE 6 - 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

**POMONOK PLAYGROUND**

Kissena Boulevard & 65th Avenue, Pomonok

**JUNE 7 - 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

**MAURO PLAYGROUND**

Park Drive East & 73rd Terrace, Kew Gardens Hills

**JUNE 12 - 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

**REAL GOOD PLAYGROUND**

62nd Avenue & 99th Street, Rego Park

**JUNE 14 - 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

**HOOVER-MANTON PLAYGROUND**

Manton Street & Main Street, Briarwood



NYC Parks

*\*\*\*Please note not all locations will offer music or popcorn \*\*\**

• Face Painting • Arts & Crafts • Games & Music • Popcorn • Inflatables

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL COUNCIL MEMBER  
JAMES F. GENNARO'S OFFICE AT (718) 217-4969**

# Nights & Weekend

Jun 1–8

Mon to Fri, 11:45 PM to 5 AM

Fri 11:45 PM to Mon 5 AM



## TRACK REPLACEMENT

# World Trade Center-bound **E** will run via Roosevelt Island **F** from 21 St-Queensbridge to W 4 St

For Queens Plaza, take the **R** on Saturday/Sunday, or use the nearby Queensboro Plaza **7** **N** station.

For Court Sq-23 St, take the **7**.

For Lexington Av-53 St, use the nearby Lexington Av/59 St **N** **R** station. Or take the **4** local or **6** at 51 St to connect with the **7** at Grand Central-42 St .

For 5 Av-53 St, use nearby **F** stations at 57 St or 47-50 Sts.

For 7 Av, take the **D**.

For 50 St to 14 St, take **A** **C** or use nearby **F** stations along 6 Av.

Transfer at:

- Roosevelt Av/74 St **7** **E** **F**
- 47-50 Sts **C** **E** **D** **F**
- 42 St-Port Authority/Times Sq/Bryant Park **7** **A** **C** **E** **D** **F** **N** **R**
- 34 St-Herald Sq **E** **D** **F** **N** **R**
- W 4 St **A** **C** **E** **D** **F**

Download the App



This service change affects one or more ADA accessible stations. Please call 511 for help with planning your trip. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, use your preferred relay service provider or the free 711 relay.

POST: E Line S/B local Jamaica Ctr to 38 St  
Remove: 6/5/25  
Service Plans: R-23-04, R-23-11  
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## NYC Official Trash Bins

New York City is finally removing the mountains of black bags from our streets, reclaiming public space and improving quality of life through our containerization efforts.

Starting on **June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**, all buildings with 1 – 9 residential units will be required to use the official NYC Bin for all trash. The official NYC Bin is durable, rat resistant, and costs less than \$50 for the most-used size!

### Home Depot Store Pickup

The official NYC Trash Bins are available for pick-up at all NYC **Home Depot** stores. *Optional NYC Recycling and Compost Bins* are currently only available at select Home Depot stores.

### Online Ordering for Home Delivery

You can order your official NYC Bins online and have them delivered directly to you using one of Home Depot's on-demand delivery partners.

- DoorDash
- Instacart
- Uber Eats



**sanitation**

NOTE: Availability of select bins is determined by your location and the inventory of bins at Home Depot stores near you. View the full list of all NYC Bins to check for availability.

### NYC Bin Reimbursement

Owners of one- and two-family homes who receive the STAR property tax benefit are eligible for an NYC Trash Bin reimbursement from the NYC Department of Finance. If you purchase a bin from Home Depot or a delivery partner (DoorDash, Instacart, Uber Eats), you will need to apply for the reimbursement.

If you are eligible and previously ordered a trash bin directly from [www.bins.nyc](http://www.bins.nyc) before December 31, 2025, the NYC Department of Finance will automatically send you a check. Learn more about the Trash Bin Reimbursement Program:

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/finance/property/free-trash-bins.page>

The NYC Department of Sanitation (DSNY) will be hosting virtual info sessions this spring where you can learn more about the mandate and your full range of bin options.

- **Thursday, June 11 at 6:00 PM**
- **Thursday, June 25 at 6:00 PM**

Links to the virtual info sessions can be found on this page:

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/dsny/collection/containerization/residential-containerization.page>

For those who don't have their official NYC Bin yet, the Department of Sanitation announced on May 20<sup>th</sup> that they will start issuing warnings only for the summer months, with full enforcement beginning the **Tuesday after Labor Day**. These bins are currently available at NYC Home Depot stores. Many residents have noticed that demand is high in recent weeks. Know that supplies are being replenished every day.

## PUBLIC HEARING

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

### BOROUGH OF QUEENS

COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 08 - Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hillcrest Jewish Center located at 183-02 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows.

- Street Co-naming – **Silkender Lal Malik Place** - Corner of Aspen Place and Mayfield Road.
- Street Co-naming – **Raphael Nathaniel Yusapov Way** – Northeast corner of 72nd Avenue and Parsons Boulevard.

*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 no later than 4 p.m. on the date of the hearing.*

## INFORMATIONAL HEARING

Date: **Tuesday, June 30, 2026**

From: **Jesse Rosenbaum, Transportation Committee Chair**

Place: **Hillcrest Jewish Center  
183-02 Union Turnpike - Auditorium  
Flushing, NY 11366**

Time: **7:30 p.m.**

**Jason Greenberg**, Assistant Director of Government & Community Relations for the New York City Transit

**Presentation** - The MTA NYC Transit is planning ADA improvements of the Briarwood and Parsons Boulevard subway stations to the E and F lines. The work will start this summer (July), and should be completed by August 2028. Subway access will be affected along with travel on abutting streets.

### Q & A

**This is for INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. No votes will be taken.**

# E-SCOOTER SAFETY



## LIQUOR LICENSE NOTIFICATION (S)



- **Tokyo Steak & Sushi, Inc. - Full Liquor License - Renewal**  
184-14 Horace Harding Expressway in Fresh Meadows
- **Jaosub Inc. - Full Liquor License [Re-notification] - Sidewalk Café**  
*d/ b/ a Sup Thai Kitchen*  
179-19 Union Turnpike in Flushing

*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.*

## Father's Song

By Gregory Orr

Yesterday, against admonishment,  
my daughter balanced on the couch back,  
fell and cut her mouth.

Because I saw it happen I knew  
she was not hurt, and yet  
a child's blood so red  
it stops a father's heart.

My daughter cried her tears;  
I held some ice  
against her lip.  
That was the end of it.

Round and round: bow and kiss.  
I try to teach her caution;  
she tries to teach me risk.

## DEMOLITION/EXCAVATION NOTICE (s)

- **72-25 Park Drive East -**  
Partial Demolition & New  
Foundation & Earthwork
- **73-15 190th Street -** Excavation/  
Construction
- **86-04 188th Street -** Demolition
- **85-60 Wicklow Place -** Demolition



## CITY PARKING RULES

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

**Juneteenth\*.....Friday, June 19th**

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





# June 2026

## Community Board 8, Queens

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 Executive Cmte. Mtg. 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside	4  Corpus Christi	5	6
7	8	9	10 Board Meeting Public Hearing 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest J.C. 183-02 Union Turnpike	11	12	13
14  Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19 We're Closed	20  JUNE TEENTH FREEDOM DAY
21  HAPPY Father's DAY	22	23	24	25	26	27
28  حج مبارك Hajj Mubarak	29	30 CB8/MTA Informational Hearing 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest J.C. 183-02 Union				

*"My humanity is bound up in yours, for we can only be human together."*

- Desmond Tutu