



# March

## COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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### OFFICERS

**CHAIRPERSON:** Martha Taylor  
**1st VICE CHAIR:** Michael Hannibal  
**2nd VICE CHAIR:** Seymour Schwartz  
**3rd VICE CHAIR:** Mary Maggio  
**EXEC. SECRETARY:** Bhitihara-Martha Fulton  
**TREASURER & BUDGET DIRECTOR:** Harbachan Singh

### CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Honorable Linda Lee - 23rd District  
Honorable James Gennaro - 24th District

### BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Honorable Donovan Richards

### STAFF

**DISTRICT MANAGER:** Marie Adam-Ovide  
Soleil Griffin, Community Assistant  
Nettie Norris, Community Assistant

### BOARD MEMBERS BY AREA

#### Area 1 – Kew Gardens Hills

**Jennifer Martin – CHAIR**, Heather Bennett-Idels, Joshua Glikman, Tobias Paris, Simon Pelman, Israel Peskowitz and Jacob Weinberg.

#### Area 2 – Briarwood

**Seymour Schwartz – CHAIR**, 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

**Mary Maggio – CHAIR**, Neeta Jain, Jenna Citron Schwab and Deepti Sharma.

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

**Maria DeInnocentiis – CHAIR**, James Gallagher, Caitlin Marziliano, Alan Ong, Tamara Osherov, Amy Tse and Steven Villaran.

#### Area 7 – Jamaica Estates & Holliswood

**Howard Fried – CHAIR**, Edward Chung, Michael Hannibal, Nikolas Michael, David Mordukhaev, Jesse Rosenbaum, Aliyah Salim, Harbachan Singh, Martha Taylor, Mohammed Tohin and Mayer Waxman.

MARCH IS

WOMEN'S HISTORY  
MONTH

The next Public Hearing/Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

*Hillcrest Jewish Center*  
183-02 Union Turnpike  
Fresh Meadows

### Agenda Item for Review:

Capital & Expense Budget Committee - Response to the Mayor's Preliminary Budget for FY 2026.  
*Harbachan Singh, Budget Director*

*\*February's Community Board 8 Public Hearing was cancelled due to inclement weather.\**

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 Resident,

Spring is almost here! There will soon be April showers followed by beautiful May flowers, unfortunately weeds as well.

Community Board 8 has been advocating for more center median clean-ups. In addition, we also asked that the administration fund contracts to spray the weeds in the center medians with non-toxic environmentally conscious herbicide. The City had ceased spraying weeds since the herbicides used were toxic. This made it quite difficult for the Department of Sanitation to remove them and clean the center medians.

If you recall last year, there was an issue with the center medians under the jurisdiction of the Department of Sanitation not being properly maintained. The whole spring season, no work was performed despite continuous requests from our office. The agency finally started to clean them within our district after a press conference held by Borough President Donovan Richards which the Queens Community Board Chairs and District Managers joined in August.

We learned that Council Member Linda Lee joined Council Members Selvena Brooks Powers and Nantasha Williams to introduce legislation that would require that the center medians be cleaned at least on a quarterly basis. It is Intro 1147-2024, which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. While there are committee meetings scheduled for March and April, this item is not yet on the agenda.

We will keep you posted once we have new information.

Sincerely,

*Marie Adam-Orsini*

District Manager

*Martha Taylor*

Chairperson

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

## Did you know that women invented the following:

- Call waiting and caller ID - Shirley Ann Jackson
- Cardiovascular drugs Eliquis and Cozaar - Ruth Wexler
- Car heater - Margaret A. Wilcox
- Central heating - Alice Parker
- Chemotherapy - Jane Cooke Wright
- Birth control pill - Katharine McCormick
- Blissymbol Printer - Rachel Zimmerman [at 12 years old!]
- Computer algorithm (first) - Ada Lovelace
- Curling iron - Theora Stephens
- Electric refrigerator - Florence Parpart



**When given the opportunity to enter a space, no one knows what success may follow!**

# WE ARE HIRING!

## 2025 Manhattan Job Fair

YOU can make a meaningful impact in the lives of children and families while advancing your career.

Children's Aid is looking for talented individuals to join our growing programs! If you're passionate about making a difference in the lives of young people and want to be part of a dynamic, supportive community, we'd love to meet you.

### Mark your calendar!

This is an IN-PERSON job fair located at:

**Dunlevy Milbank  
Community Center**  
14 W 118th St,  
New York, NY

**March 12, 2025**  
**11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

If you have any questions or inquiries,  
please email:

[Jobs@ChildrensAidNYC.org](mailto:Jobs@ChildrensAidNYC.org)

### Exciting employment opportunities include:

Social Worker

Care Coordinator

Therapist

Nurse Practitioner

Lead and Assistant Teacher

And More!

Limited space is available. Scan the QR code below to register by **Mar. 4, 2025**:



[canyc.info/RegisterHere](https://canyc.info/RegisterHere)



# NYC Department of Finance

## Property Tax Exemptions

### Co-op/Condo Tax Abatement

The cooperative and condominium tax abatement reduces the property taxes of eligible condominium and co-op owners.

Individual unit owners do not apply for the abatement. Instead, the managing agent or board applies on behalf of the entire development.

Both the development itself and the individual unit owners must meet certain eligibility requirements.

Learn more at [www.nyc.gov/ccabatement](http://www.nyc.gov/ccabatement).



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here



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# NYC Department of Finance

Did you know that the income threshold to qualify for property tax exemptions have increased? The new income requirement for the Senior Citizen's Homeowners' Exemption, or the Disabled Exemption has increased to **\$58,399**. The deadline to apply is **March 15, 2025**. Please do not delay, and file an application online today by visiting [www.nyc.gov/ownerexemption](http://www.nyc.gov/ownerexemption) to learn more.

	1 STAR (School Tax Relief) Basic STAR*	1 A Enhanced STAR*	2 Senior Citizen Homeowners' Exemption (SCHE)	2 A Disabled Homeowners' Exemption (DHE)	3 Veterans Exemption	4 Disabled Crime Victim and Good Samaritan Exemption	5 Clergy Exemption
ELIGIBILITY	Available to owners of houses, co-ops, and condos with an annual income of \$250,000 or less.	Available to owners of houses, co-ops, and condos who are 65+ with an annual income of \$107,300 or less.	Available to owners of houses, co-ops, and condos who are 65+ with annual income of \$58,399 or less.	Available to disabled owners of houses, co-ops, and condos with annual income of \$58,399 or less.	Available to certain veteran owners of houses, co-ops and condos, their unremarried surviving spouses and Gold Star parents.	Crime victims and those injured trying to prevent crime or assist a victim. Civilians only. Owner must have modified home to accommodate disability.	Available to members of the clergy or their unremarried surviving spouses that own houses or condos in NYS.
BENEFIT	Tax savings: approximately \$300/year.	Tax savings: approximately \$650/year	Reduces assessed value up to 50%.	Reduces assessed value up to 50%.	Level of benefit varies.	Compensation for cost of renovations to accommodate disability.	Reduces assessed value of home by \$1,500. Tax savings: approximately \$256/year
TO APPLY	Visit <a href="http://www.tax.ny.gov">www.tax.ny.gov</a> or call (518) 457-2036.	Visit <a href="http://www.tax.ny.gov">www.tax.ny.gov</a> or call (518) 457-2036.	Complete an application, available at <a href="http://www.nyc.gov/sche">www.nyc.gov/sche</a> .	Complete an application, available at <a href="http://www.nyc.gov/dhe">www.nyc.gov/dhe</a> .	Complete an application, available at <a href="http://www.nyc.gov/ownerexemption">www.nyc.gov/ownerexemption</a>	Complete an application, available at <a href="http://www.nyc.gov/ownerexemption">www.nyc.gov/ownerexemption</a>	Complete an application, available at <a href="http://www.nyc.gov/ownerexemption">www.nyc.gov/ownerexemption</a>
DEADLINE	March 15	March 15	March 15	March 15	March 15	March 15	March 15



## sanitation

Holiday service is subject to change. If your collection day falls on a holiday, please call 311 or check the Department of Sanitation's website:

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/dsny/index.page>

You can also contact 311.

## New York Police Department

### BUILD THE BLOCK MEETING

#### SECTOR B

Thursday, March 13, 2025



**Time:** 6 p.m.

**Where:** Community Board 8  
197-15 Hillside Avenue in Hollis

**NCO:** P.O. Brandon Andre  
P.O. Sean Brewer



## Department of Social Services *NEWS*

### PHONE SCAM ALERT

This is to inform you of recent reports received by the Department of Social Services of clients who received telephone calls from individuals "spoofing" the DSS's customer service telephone number (718-557-1399). Spoofing is when a caller deliberately falsifies the information transmitted to your caller ID to disguise their identity.

The caller ID on these calls may appear to be the DSS's customer service number, but the call is actually originating from a different source. The agency would like to emphasize to all its clients that legitimate DSS's representatives will **never** call a client to request account or EBT card information. Clients should **never** provide such information in response to unsolicited telephone calls, even if the caller ID appears to be from the DSS.

Clients can protect their benefits by freezing their EBT card through their ebtEDGE account. For more information go to: <https://otda.ny.gov/workingfamilies/EBT-scam-alert.asp>

## Books Open Doors, BANS Slam Them Shut!



Protect the right to read—  
Encourage curiosity, NOT censorship.

## LIQUOR LICENSE NOTIFICATION (S)

### E & E Hospitality Inc.

*d/b/a Bravo Pizza*

69-26/ 69-28 Main Street in Flushing

**Renewal** - Full Liquor License

### Theresa Kemerson

139-01 Grand Central Parkway in Briarwood

**Renewal**- Full Liquor License

### Ming's Asian Café, Inc.

*d/b/a Hado Thai and Sushi*

71-30 Main Street in Flushing

**\*Changed to:** Wine, Beer and Cider License

### Blackrock Luxury, Inc.

*d/b/a Posh Pizza*

190-21 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows

**NEW** - Full Liquor License

### Top Notch Sushi

71-30 Main Street in Flushing

**NEW** - 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.*

*\* This application was submitted for a Full Liquor License last year. This is just a notification that it is being downgraded to a Wine, Beer and Cider License due to the 200-Foot Rule.*

## CANNABIS/LIQUOR LICENSE

### Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, March 18, 2025**

**7:30 p.m.**

Please submit written testimony in support or against any new applications by the end of the day on Friday, March 14, 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



- **87-35 167th Street** — *Demolition [Garage only]*
- **86-84 168th Street** - *Vacate Order* - Illegal apartment created at cellar. Inadequate light/ventilation. Windows too small. Boiler Room adjacent to sleeping area. Walls erected, appliance and plumbing fixtures installed to create a Class A apartment. Vacate dwelling by February 27., 2025.



# March 2025

## Community Board 8, Queens

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4 HAPPY MARDI GRAS	5 Ash Wednesday	6	7	8 HAPPY WOMEN'S DAY
9 SPRING FORWARD	10	11 Parks Cmte. Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office	12 Executive Cmte. Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office	13 NYPD Build The Block Meeting Sector B 6 p.m. CB8 Office	14 Happy Purim	15
16	17 HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!	18	19 Board Meeting Public Hearing 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike	20 HELLO Spring	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Eid Al-Fitr					

"Develop enough courage so that you can stand up for yourself and then stand up for somebody else." —Maya Angelou