



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: Dilip Nath
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
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 Morales, Marisol Perez, Israel Peskowitz and Jacob Weinberg.

Area 2 – Briarwood

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

Area 3 – Hillcrest Estates & Jamaica Hill

Wendy Gennaro – CHAIR, Dilaafroz Ahmed, Saaif Alam, **Sultana Fatema,**
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, Marva Dudley, Neeta Jain, Dilip Nath and
Kelly Sexton

Area 6 – Utopia, Fresh Meadows, West Cunningham Park

Maria DeInnocentiis – CHAIR, Armando Echeverry, James Gallagher,
Rebecca Montalbano, Caitlin Marziliano, 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.

Community Board 8Q welcomes our new members: Sara Abiboutros, Damian Corbett, Sultana Fatema, Sharlene Forbes, Kiiru Gichuru, Rebecca Montalbano, Marisol Morales, and Araliya Senerat!

April’s Community Board 8 Public Hearing/Meeting (recap) 183-02 Union Turnpike Fresh Meadows

- The minutes of Wednesday, March 11, 2026, were unanimously approved by 42 members.
- **Chairperson’s Report – Martha Taylor**
Chairperson Taylor welcomed and introduced the new board members by name. District Attorney Melinda Katz is hosting a Memorial Day Observance Ceremony on Thursday, May 21, 2026 at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Elmhurst Park located at 79th Street at Grand Avenue, Elmhurst, NY 11373. The event begins at 11:00 a.m. One of the honorees is our very own Sey Schwartz. If you can make the time, please go out and support him. I know Sey would appreciate that.
- There is a list in your packets of the functional committees. For the members who are not new, if you haven’t filled it out yet, please do so. For the new members, please fill it out.

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The next Public Hearing/Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2026

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

www.nyc.gov/queenscb8

A Word from CB8...

Dear Stakeholders:

Each year, the Department of Transportation resurfaced a certain number of lane miles in each community district. For your information, I have included the **tentative** resurfacing list in this Newsletter (*see Page 4*). *Keep in mind this is a tentative list and this information is subject to change.* In our community district, resurfacing usually starts the last week of June or the first week in July.

It is important to note that resurfacing occurs in several steps. First the road is milled. The area remains “open” for about two (2) to three (3) weeks to allow for any other agency or utility company to do work. This is followed by paving which is adding the top layer of asphalt. Then the final step is street marking of crosswalks, single lines, and double lines (if applicable).

The Department of Transportation publishes on a weekly basis which streets are being resurfaced on their website. This information is available at: <https://nycstreets.net/PavementWorks/Project/WeeklyResurfacingSchedule/Q>

Additionally, New York City Department of Transportation (NYC DOT) Commissioner Mike Flynn, in a press release dated April 21, 2026, urged drivers to slow down and stay alert in work zones as construction activity ramps up citywide, marking National Work Zone Awareness Week from April 20–24. The annual campaign highlights the critical importance of protecting the crews who build, repair, and maintain the city’s streets, bridges, and highways. This year’s national theme is “Safe Actions, Save Lives.”

It was also stated in the press release that work zone safety remains a serious concern nationwide. Each year, more than 900 people are killed and an estimated 42,000 are injured in work zone-related incidents across the United States. In New York City, NYC DOT recorded 16 work zone intrusions last year, resulting in six injuries. Since 2009, 63 NYC DOT workers have been injured in work zone incidents, and four have died from work zone-related events over the past two decades.

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-Ovide

District Manager

Martha Taylor

Chairperson



TIME TO SWITCH!

Community Board 8, will be switching to new telephone service on Wednesday, May 6, 2026. While we will be in the office working, it may be difficult to get in touch with us by telephone that day. If you need assistance, please send us an email or contact 311 if you have a complaint.

Our telephone number **(718) 264-7895** will remain the same. We will be back on the telephone to serve you better with improved telephone service the following day. We regret any inconvenience that this may cause our community residents.



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

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Georgia Katsalis – representing Queens Borough President Donovan Richards

On behalf of the Borough President, congratulations to all the new applicants that got appointed. We had a total of 962 applicants this year. It's very important to be a part of this community in supporting and stepping up to this new role and having a prosperous future. We look forward to working with each and everyone of you. We encourage each new applicant to connect with the board and the chairperson. The borough president has a swearing in on April 20th at Queens Borough Hall at 6:00 pm. The doors open at 5:30 p.m. The new members are invited to attend and the existing members are invited as well. What will be included in the swearing in will be the ULURP (Uniform Land use Procedure), conflict of interest and the New York City budget training. If you have any questions, please call our office (718) 286-3000.

P.O. Timothy Gorman – representing the 107th Precinct

The precinct has seen a lot of jewelry scams. This is how it works: If you are wearing a necklace and/or a bracelet and a car comes up and stops you, they will ask if they can put some special beads on you and pray for you and in the interim, steal your jewelry. If you wear jewelry, please put it under a blouse or scarf so it can't be seen. We ask that you be aware of your surroundings and if someone approaches you about the beads and prayers, walk away. Also, place a call to 911 even if nothing happens. If you see something suspicious, call and give them the description of the individual (s). A lot of times, these cases are broken just by us going back to the 911 calls.

Nominations - Nomination Committee Chair, Dr. Penny Stern

In accordance with the By-laws of Community Board 8, the April meeting is a nominating meeting. The procedure is that in April we nominate candidates to serve as officers of the board.

Chairperson - **Martha Taylor**

1st Vice-Chair - **Michael Hannibal**

2nd Vice-Chair - **Seymour Schwartz**

3rd Vice-Chair - **Dilip Nath**

Secretary - **Bhitihara-Martha Fulton**

Treasurer - **Hersh Parekh**

At the May 13, 2026 Meeting, a vote will be taken.

Health Minute with Dr. Penny Stern – Health Committee Chair

April is National Stress Awareness Month. Since 1992, this month has been dedicated to raising awareness about the potential for negative impacts of stress. Everyone experiences stress – it is an inevitable part of life, yet not everyone experiences stress in the same way. Stress includes many different symptoms: frustration, helplessness, difficulty concentrating, headaches, body aches, gastrointestinal complaints, the use of substances such as alcohol, cigarettes and drugs. Stress is more than a mental issue. It affects blood pressure, heart rate, glucose, sugar etc. Take care of yourself: eat healthy, exercise regularly, get plenty of rest, take a break if you feel stressed, reach out and talk to someone. For more information, you can go online to the American Institute of Stress and the National Institutes of Health.

Resurfacing List for District 8

Tentative

167 St	Union Tpke	Jewel Ave
167 St	Jewel Ave	Long Island Expressway
171 St	Long Island Expy S/R	Jewel Ave
68 Ave	171 St	172 St
168 St	Union Tpke	73 Ave
77 Rd	166 St	171 St
171 St	Jewel Ave	Union Tpke
173 St	Jewel Ave	Union Tpke
175 St	Jewel Ave	Union Tpke
174 St	Union Tpke	Jewel Ave
74 Ave	175 St	Utopia Pkwy
Jewel Ave	Utopia Pkwy	164 St
Hovenden Rd	Chevy Chase St	Dead End (Somerset St)
Cambridge Rd	Somerset St	188 St
Avon St	Dalny Rd	Hillside Ave
Dalny Rd	Hillside Ave	Midland Pkwy
Kruger Rd	Radnor St	Avon St
Henley Rd	Midland Pkwy	188 St (Saul Weprin St)
87 Rd	188 St	Chelsea St
McLaughlin Ave	188 St	Francis Lewis Blvd
Wexford Terr	Kingston Pl	Edgerton Blvd
70 Ave	Main St	137 St
138 St	Jewel Ave	Dead End (68 Dr)
140 St	Dead End (68 Dr)	Jewel Ave
136 St	Park Dr East	72 Ave
137 St	Jewel Ave	70 Rd
141 St	Jewel Ave	71 Ave
Park Dr East	136 St	Jewel Ave

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 Freebies Galore!



For more information call: 718-264-7895



JOIN THE FUN!
NYPD 107 PRECINCT PRESENTS



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"TOUCH A TRUCK" EVENT

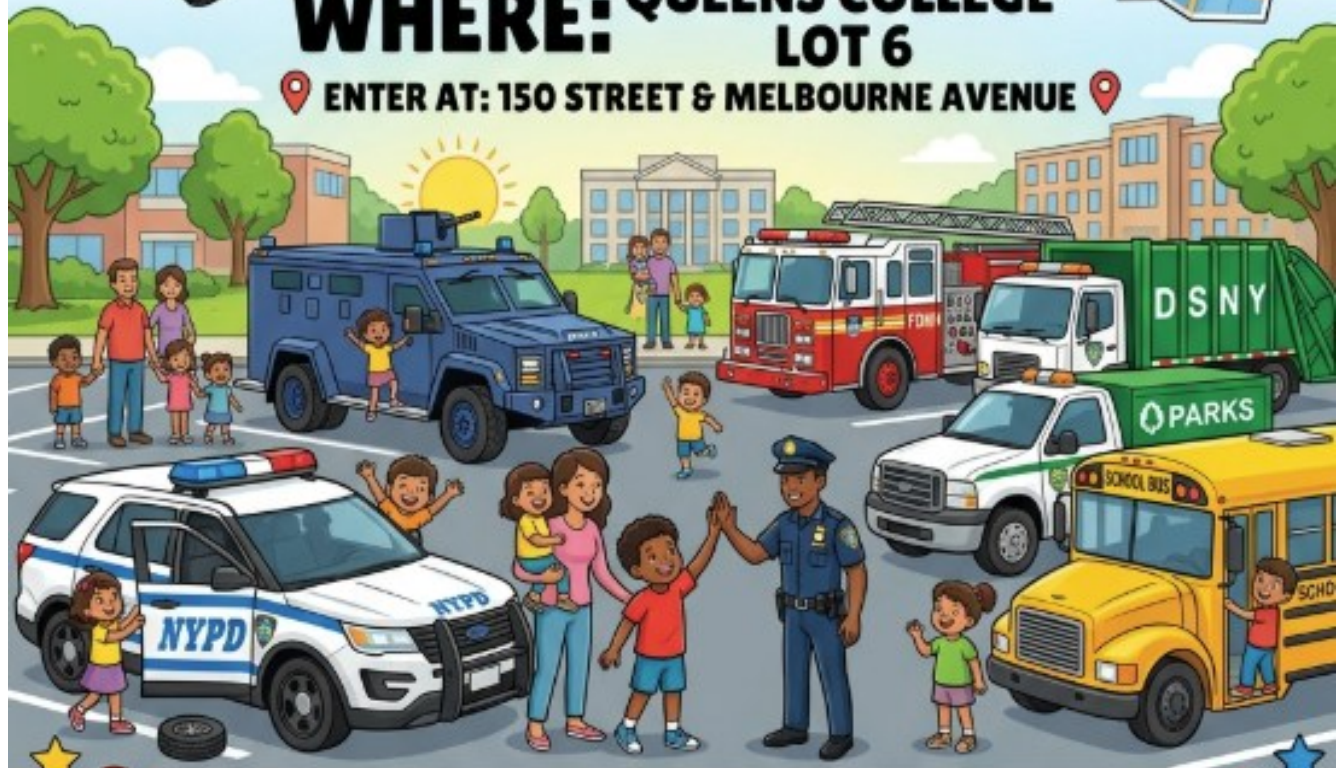


SUNDAY, MAY 31ST, 2026

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

**WHERE: QUEENS COLLEGE
 LOT 6**

ENTER AT: 150 STREET & MELBOURNE AVENUE



For more info, or any reasonable accommodations for any disability, please contact Community Affairs at: **929-270-6439** or **timothy.gorman@nypd.org** at least 72 hours prior to the event.



NYPD
 107 PRECINCT

"TOUCH A TRUCK" EVENT

FUN FOR ALL AGES!

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

FAMILY DAYS IN QUEENS



MAY 16 - 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

PLAYGROUND SEVENTY FIVE

160th Street & 75th Avenue, Hillcrest

MAY 17 - 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

JUDGE MOSES WEINSTEIN PLAYGROUND

Vleigh Place & 78th Road, Kew Gardens Hills

MAY 30 - 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

JOSEPH AUSTIN PLAYGROUND

84th Avenue and 164th Place, Jamaica

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

POMONOK PLAYGROUND

Klissena 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**



APEC

ALLEY POND
ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

Upcoming Programs

alleypond.org
contact@alleypond.org
(718) 229 4000



I Want To Be A Vet

Saturday, May 9th
11:00 am - 12:00 pm

For Age 5-7 (drop-off)
\$22 per child

Aspiring veterinarians will enjoy learning about different types of vets and the importance of their role for animals in captivity.



Spring Forest Bathing Walk

Saturday, May 30th
10:00 am - 11:30 am

For Adults
\$25 per adult

Celebrate Spring with a 90-minute meditative Forest Bathing Walk, led by certified guide Linda Lombardo.

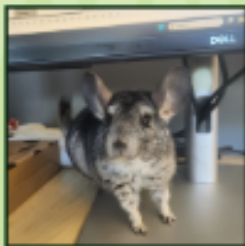


Reiki & Meditation Workshop

Sunday, May 31st
11:00 am - 12:30 pm

For Adults
\$30 per adult

Join Sonia of Sonia Energy Healer for a deeply restorative workshop designed to help you reconnect with peace and presence.



Vet Tech 101 - Intelligence

Wednesday, May 27th
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

For Age 9-12 (drop-off)
\$34 per child

Students will learn to make sure the animals are receiving proper mental stimulation by providing enrichment.



What Is A Pond?

Wednesday, May 27th
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

For Ages 5-7 (drop-off)
\$30 per child

During this class children will learn about pond ecosystems, visit ponds and work on a pond-based craft.



COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER TRAINING PROGRAM

**FULL SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE
FOR ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS**



LaGuardia Community College - Division of Adult & Continuing Education (ACE) Community Health Worker Training Program

A Community Health Worker (CHW) helps members of the community manage health problems and live healthier lives.

About the program:

The LaGuardia SBS Community Health Training Program includes:

- 18 weeks of in-person Community Health Worker Training at LaGuardia Community College and 125-hour internship at a healthcare agency
- Healthcare Career counseling, job search and employment referrals
- An industry recognized Certificate from LaGuardia Community College Workforce Development Division
- The opportunity to earn 9 college credits if you continue your healthcare education with LaGuardia Community College

The next cohort begins June 15, 2026

Minimum Application Requirements:

- Be 18 years or older and seeking full-time employment within the healthcare industry.
- Obtain a passing score on a reading, writing, and computer assessment.
- Be a US citizen or a permanent resident and have work authorization
- Have a High School diploma, GED, or equivalent.
- Be available to attend IN-PERSON classes on 3-4 weekday evenings* and Saturday classes for the duration of the training.
- Have access to computer or laptop to complete assignments.

To register for an information session, send email with your name and contact information to:

Lag.chwtraining@lagcc.cuny.edu

Scan QR Code to Register



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**Continuing
Education**



careers
businesses
neighborhoods

**Our Community Health
Worker Training Program
can help you reach new
career heights!**



sanitation

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 1st, 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

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 before December 31, 2025, the NYC Department of Finance will automatically send you a check.

Learn more about the Trash Bin Reimbursement Program.

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, May 14 at 6:00 PM**
- **Thursday, May 28 at 6:00 PM**
- **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>

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTIFICATION (S)



- **Wynn Palace Catering Hall Inc. - NEW Full Liquor License**
67-07 Main Street in Flushing
- **11365 LLC - NEW Full Liquor License**
d/b/a Burger Village
61-09 190th Street 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.

Lessons by Jacqueline Woodson

My mother says:

When Mama tried to teach me

*to make collards and potato salad
I didn't want to learn.*

She opens the box of pancake mix, adds milk and eggs, stirs. I watch grateful for the food we have now—syrup waiting in the cabinet, bananas to slice on top.

It's Saturday morning.
Five days a week, she leaves us to work at an office back in Brownsville.
Saturday we have her to ourselves, all day long.

Me and Kay didn't want to be inside cooking.

She stirs the lumps from the batter, pours it into the buttered, hissing pan.

*Wanted to be with our friends
running wild through Greenville.
There was a man with a peach tree down the road.
One day Robert climbed over that fence, filled a bucket with peaches. Wouldn't share them with any of us but told us where the peach tree was. And that's where we wanted to be
sneaking peaches from that man's tree, throwing the rotten ones
at your uncles!*

Mama wanted us to learn to cook.

*Ask the boys, we said. And Mama knew that wasn't fair girls inside and the boys going off to steal peaches!
So she let all of us
stay outside until suppertime.*

And by then, she says, putting our breakfast on the table, it was too late.

DEMOLITION/EXCAVATION NOTICE (S)

199-02 Union Turnpike
◇ Excavation/Construction



CITY PARKING RULES

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



Ascension.....Thurs., May 14th

Shavuot..... Fri., May 22nd
to Sat., May 23rd

Eid Al-AdhaWed., May 27th
to Thurs., May 28th

Memorial Day*.....Mon., May 25th

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



May 2026

Community Board 8, Queens

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3	4	5  Lag BaOmer	6 Executive Cmte. Mtg. 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Ave	7	8	9
10  HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY	11	12	13 Board Meeting Public Hearing 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest J.C. 183-02 Union Turnpike	14  ASCENSION DAY	15	16
17	18	19 Cannabis/ Liquor License Cmte. Mtg. 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Ave	20	21  HAPPY SHAVUOT	22	23
Hajj Begins  PENTECOST SUNDAY	24 We're Closed  HAPPY Memorial Day	26	27  Eid Al Adha Mubarak	28	29	30
31  Trinity Sunday						

"The art of mothering is to teach the art of living to children." - Elaine Heffner