



Mid-Summer

COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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STAFF

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

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Hillcrest, Electchester, Georgetown Mews, 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

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Thank you to our Health Fair Sponsors!

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

The minutes of Wednesday, June 10, were unanimously approved by 31 members.

Chairperson's Report – Martha Taylor

Congratulations to Board Member Caitlin Marziliano on her law school graduation! We wish her success in her new career. Congratulations to Board Member Michael Hannibal and his wife, Tania Hannibal, on their recent 40-year wedding anniversary! Michael understands the meaning of commitment. We wish them continued happiness.

The minimum guidelines for the City Council to approve street co-naming requests are included in your packets. While the proposed agenda included a request to co-name a street in Jamaica Estates in honor of Sikender Lal Malik, it had to be withdrawn. It was determined that his contributions did not meet the criteria for co-naming.

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The next Public Hearing/Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2026

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

A Word from CB8...

Dear Stakeholders:

We had another successful Health Fair on the last Friday of June. We thank all of our vendors who volunteered to provide free services to our community. They show up rain or shine (or smoke). This shows their dedication to our community.

Davida Enterprises
Department of Design and Construction (DDC)
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)
Department of Transportation (DOT)
Department of Sanitation (DSNY)
Edward Jones Financial
Emblem Health
Emergency Medical Rescue
Lime E-Scooter
Flushing Hospital
Forestdale, Inc.
Honorable Melinda Katz
Honorable Linda Lee
Honorable John Liu
Honorable Donovan Richards
Honorable Nily Rozic
Long Island Jewish (LIJ) Medical Center
Maurer Foundation for Breast Health Education
National Council of Negro Women – Queens County Section
Northwell Health
NYC Commission on Human Rights
NY Presbyterian Queens
New York Life
Queens Public Library - Mail-a-Book Program
Silvercrest Center
Sri Chimnoy Center
Vedanta Society
Wellcare

We give a special thank you to Honorable Senator John Liu who always makes the time to come out and greet our residents along with securing New York Presbyterian. Also a special thank you to Honorable Council Member Linda Lee for the Jazz Concert that afternoon.

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

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

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There will be an informational hearing at the Hillcrest Jewish Center with the MTA on Tuesday, June 30, 2026 at 7:30 pm. This is to provide information to our residents and straphangers about ADA work planned for the Parsons Boulevard and Briarwood subway stations on the E and F lines. Please come and have your questions answered.

There have been complaints about the Post Office not delivering mail that is properly addressed. Some have been returned to the sender although the mailing address and zip codes are correct. There was even an instance where a mailer was returned stating "Return to sender. Temporarily away. Unable to forward." When no request to hold the mail or to forward the mail was made by the resident. Primary day is on Tuesday, June 23rd and early voting starts this weekend. I encourage you to go out and vote in person, if you can.

Lieutenant David Uriguen, Special Operations – representing the 107th Precinct

He attended his first Community Board 8 meeting. He shared with us that the precinct knows what is going on in the borough. They don't have the resources to get to all of the community requests/complaints. He stated they will continue to do the best they can for everyone. He said the precinct will address the speeding dirt bikes on the mountain bike trail at Cunningham Park.

He also spoke about the July 4th fireworks issue and will be monitoring that. He asked if you know of a specific area doing illegal fireworks, to call him directly. He has put together a task force of two teams, one in the day and the other at night. Safety is the number one concern. If you see something that's concerning, call 311 or call the precinct directly and ask for him.

QueensLink – Israel Peskowitz, Member of the Transportation Committee

Resolution in Support of QueensLink

Be it resolved:

We, Queens Community Board 8, request that Mayor Zohran Mamdani and the New York City Council:

1. Defund the transit-blocking, \$43 million, QueensWay Metropolitan Hub Park;
2. Engage with all Queens communities in assessing the economic and environmental benefits of using the Rockaway Beach Branch as both a subway connection and new parkland, in a project known as QueensLink.
3. Work with the Governor and MTA to ensure that QueensLink is included in the MTA's 2030–2034 Capital Plan.

Resolution passed: Yes 30 No 1 Abstention 0

Health Minute with Dr. Penny Stern – Health Committee Chair

June 1-7 is CPR and AED Awareness Week.

Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) saves lives. This week was established in 2007 by Congress in an effort to increase awareness and save lives. AED is a device that automatically analyzes the heart's rhythm and when the device senses that the heart is in trouble, it generates an electrical shock. AED's are designed to be used by lay people, bystanders, not just medical personnel. You can find one in many public spaces. CPR is initiated when a person is found to suddenly have no pulse or heartbeat and is not breathing. To learn CPR look to the Red Cross and/or the American Heart Association for information about such training.

Public Hearing - Dr. Penny Stern, Area 4/5 Chair - Co-naming – NE Corner 72nd Avenue and Parsons Boulevard to Raphael Nathaniel Yusapov Way

Betty Yusapov, sister of Raphael Nathaniel Yusapov. She spoke of his work in the community and his love for it. She read his bio listing all of the reasons why this honor is so important to her family. She thanked CB8.

Street naming passed unanimously.



VETERANS MEAN BUSINESS!



Join the New York State Department of Veterans' Services for an informative conversation to help Veterans and Service Members unlock one of the most powerful benefits they've earned — the VA home loan.



WEDNESDAY

AUGUST 19, 2026



10:00 AM – 11:00 AM



Understanding and maximizing

YOUR VA HOME LOAN BENEFIT

Discover how to maximize your benefit, build wealth through homeownership, and make confident, informed decisions for your future.



SPECIAL GUEST

MICHELLE VIOLA-STRAIGHT

Executive Director of
Military Home Loan Benefits
Clearpath Mortgage Solutions

35+ years in VA housing,
real estate investing,
and Veteran advocacy.



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WE'LL DISCUSS:



VA loan benefits &
debunking common myths



Building wealth through
homeownership



Success stories from
Veterans like you



Tips to avoid costly
mistakes



Benefits most Veterans
don't know about

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Department of
Veterans' Services



107 PRECINCT &
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

National Night Out Against Crime

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7 to 10 PM
70-63 Parsons Blvd



Join us for games, music, prizes, and free
food!

For further info, Contact
Community Affairs @ 929-270-6439



FOR ACCOMODATIONS FOR ANY DISABILITY, PLEASE
CONTACT PO MCCARTHY AT LEAST 72 HOURS PRIOR THE
EVENT AT KEVIN.MCCARTHY2@NYPD.ORG



Let's all of us do our part to keep our community clean!



Our children are always watching and they do as we do.

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTIFICATION (S)



Mexican Puebla Restaurant Corp
172-37 Hillside Avenue in Jamaica
Wine, Beer and Cider 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.

DEMOLITION/EXCAVATION NOTICE (s)



- **184-51 Hovenden Road** - Excavation/Foundation
- **80-74 Kent Street** - Excavation
- **85-41 Eton Street** - Excavation/Foundation
- **141-09 72nd Avenue** - Demolition (Garage only)
- **179-61 80th Road** - Demolition (Garage only)
- **193-11 McLaughlin Avenue** - Demolition (Garage only)
- **73-36 136th Street** - Demolition (Garage only)
- **176-25 80th Road** - Alteration-1
- **80-47 188th Street** - Alteration-1
- **85-56/60 Wicklow Place** - New Building

CITY PARKING RULES

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



Feast of the Assumption.....Sat., August 15th

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



August 2026

Community Board 8, Queens

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“ One benefit of summer was that each day we had more light to read by.”

- Jeannette Walls