



October

COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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EXEC. SECRETARY: Bhitihara-Martha Fulton
TREASURER & BUDGET DIRECTOR: vacant

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 & 5 – Flushing, Flushing Heights, Flushing Suburban.

Hillcrest, Electchester, Georgetown Mews, Pomonok

Dr. Penny M. Stern – CHAIR, Kenneth Cohen II, Marva Dudley, Neeta Jain, Dilip Nath and Kelly Sexton

Area 6 – Utopia, Fresh Meadows, West Cunningham Park

Maria DeInnocentiis – CHAIR, Armando Echeverry, James Gallagher, Caitlin Marziliano, Alan Ong, Tamara Osharov, 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, Martha Taylor, Mohammed Tohin and Mayer Waxman.

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

183-02 Union Turnpike

Fresh Meadows

The minutes of Wednesday, June 11, 2025, were unanimously approved by 32 members.

Chairperson's Report:

Welcome back! Community Board 8 will be preparing to submit our district's budget priorities in October. Today was the deadline to submit new items to us for Fiscal Year 2027. The deadline has been extended to this Friday. If you have any capital or expense budget request, please submit them in writing to the office by end of business day, Friday, September 12th.

Last Tuesday, I attended a meeting at the 107th Police Precinct about the new Quality of Life Team, (Q-Team) along with some CB8 Members, civic leaders and elected representatives. The officers encouraged residents to continue filing 311 complaints and to leave their contact information. They may need to contact you for additional information, or they may need to contact you for additional information, or they may have updates to share with your concerns. We have representatives of the 107th Precinct here this evening and I invite them to speak about the Q-Team.

The next Public Hearing/Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 22, 2025 (4th Wednesday)

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

www.nyc.gov/queenscb8

A Word from CB8...

Dear Stakeholders:

On a sad note, Community Board 8 is mourning the loss of our **Community Board 8 Member, Chair of the Government Committee, Treasurer & Budget Director Harbachan Singh**. He lived in Holliswood for decades and served on the board for 23 years. We offer our deepest condolences to his family, friends and all who loved him and appreciated his work for our community.



Once again, Community Board 8 has leaf paper bags for distribution. We will have them for distribution starting Wednesday, October 1, 2025 in our office. We will also have them with us at the next Community Board 8 meeting that will be held on **Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.** at the Hillcrest Jewish Center located at 183-02 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows.

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!**

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Marie Adam-Ovide

District Manager

Martha Taylor

Chairperson

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Wednesday, October 22, 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:

- Community Board 8, Queens Capital & Expense Budget Requests and Needs Statement for FY2027.

For public speaking time, please contact our office during regular business hours by calling the Community Board 8 office at (718) 264-7895. Please note on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, which is the day of the public hearing, registration ends at 4 p.m.

Guest Speakers:

Honorable John Liu, NYS Senator - Senator John Liu introduced legislation, S8495, to ensure New Yorkers can access lifesaving immunizations at their local pharmacies. The legislation empowers the New York State Commissioner of Health to authorize licensed pharmacists to administer FDA-approved vaccines recommended by the New York State Immunization Advisory Council (IAC) or the Department of Health. Senator Liu is continuing to meet with the Fresh Meadows Development developers and is listening to the concerns of the community.

The Senator passed legislation, S7121A, to authorize the City of New York to discontinue the use of certain designated parkland within Flushing Meadows Corona Park to facilitate the development of a gaming facility with affiliated commercial, retail, entertainment, recreational, hotel, convention, and community facility uses, while ensuring the dedication of equivalent parkland improvements. This would allow the Metropolitan Casino project to be considered by the New York State Gaming Commission.

Assembly Member Samuel Berger

Assembly Member Sam Berger has received positive feedback on the new cell phone ban. The ban is intended to eliminate distractions in New York schools by restricting smartphones in K-12 schools. The Assembly Member is making efforts to crack down on the littering of e-scooters. He has been working with DOT to get the e-scooters out of the area. Assembly Member Berger is continuing to fight on behalf of the residents by introducing legislation that addresses the concerns of the community. He stressed the need to hear from community members so that he can continue to introduce impactful legislation. If anyone has any concerns, feel free to call their office at 718-969-1508.

Captain Mo Tsang, 107th Precinct Commanding Officer

During the 28-day period, crime is down in almost all categories except for grand larceny. When we compare the Grand Larceny during the 28-day period from last year, we had 55% verses 37%, which is a 48.6% increase. Grand Larceny Auto is down 57.1% during the 28-day period.

Shubhra Datta – representing Queens Borough President Donovan Richards

Queens Borough President Donovan Richards is hosting several events in September. To learn more about the events and register, you can visit their website at queensbp.nyc.gov. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to their office by calling 718-286-3000.

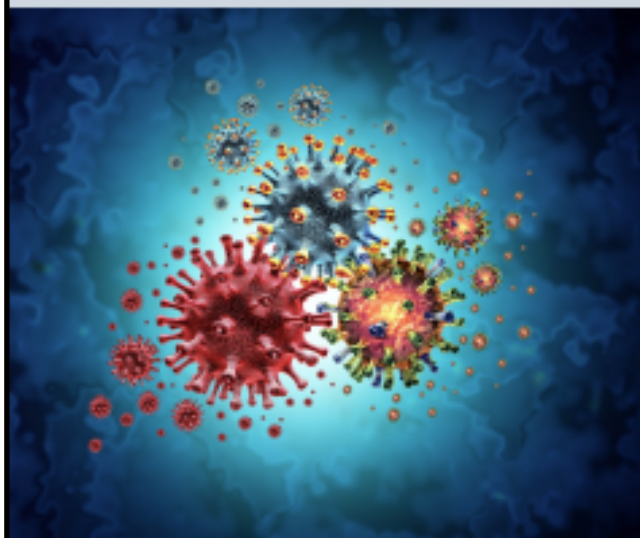
Health Minutes with Dr. Penny Stern

September, the month we associate with Labor Day, the end of summer, and the start of a new school year, is also Healthy Aging Month – and has been for over 30 years. Its purpose is to remind us that there are positive physical, social, and mental aspects at any age, even while challenges are inevitable. This year's theme, "It's never too late to reinvent yourself," encourages us to make changes that bring excitement, purpose, and better health into our lives. Whether by becoming more physically active, exploring our community, or trying new hobbies, we can choose to engage in activities that support well-being. Studies even show that practices like tai chi reduce the risk of dementia, while taking courses or connecting with others helps combat social isolation. Cooking from scratch is another powerful way to promote health, giving us control over nutrition and reducing reliance on processed foods. Wherever your interests lie—learning, volunteering, or simply reconnecting - it's never too late to reinvent yourself.



Preparing for Respiratory Virus Season

Virtual Webinar — No Registration Needed



Thursday, October 9, 2025,
from 10 to 11 a.m.

Thursday, November 13, 2025,
from 10 to 11 a.m.

Thursday, December 11, 2025,
from 10 to 11 a.m.

Tuesday, January 6, 2026,
from 10 to 11 a.m.

Respiratory virus season is here and staying informed is more important than ever. Join our free webinar to learn about:

- Current infection risks for respiratory viruses
- Updated COVID-19, flu, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccine guidelines
- When to seek medical care
- Prevention tips to reduce the spread of respiratory viruses
- Resources to keep you and your family healthy

To join the webinar, visit bit.ly/respiratory-virus-webinar. This meeting link will be used for all four webinar sessions.

Meeting ID: 161 421 1775

Passcode: 309175



For more information or to request an accommodation,
email healthyaging@health.nyc.gov.

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NYS SENATOR JOHN LIU



SENIOR FRAUD PREVENTION SEMINAR

OCTOBER 15, 2025

1 PM TO 2 PM

Pomonok Community Center
67-09 Kissena Blvd, Flushing, NY 11367

LEARN HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST
FRAUD & SCAMS THAT TARGET SENIORS



- * EBT skimming
- * Pig butchering scams
- * Crypto scams
- * Text message/AI scams
- * Deed theft



STEPS TO TAKE IF YOU SUSPECT FRAUD

HOW TO SECURE YOUR IDENTITY AND FINANCES

COMPLIMENTARY TAKEAWAYS FOR SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS



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PO MCCARTHY 917-704-6897

PO GORMAN 929-270-6439

OCT 26

11AM TO 3PM

**CUNNINGHAM PARK
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FOR ACCOMMODATIONS REGARDING ANY DISABILITY, PLEASE CONTACT
PO GORMAN AT 929-270-6439 OR TIMOTHY.GORMAN@NYPD.ORG AT LEAST
72 HOURS PRIOR TO THE EVENT



The Glen Oaks Little League Challenger Division

If you have a child that is challenged and you would like them to play baseball. The Glen Oaks Little League Challenger Division is just for them. Here they play in an environment that is totally accepting of them.



Here they allow boys and girls with physical and or developmental disabilities, ages 4 to 18 or up to 21 if they are still in High School, to play ball.

So please forward this information to anyone you think will benefit from this program. Or for more information please contact Dennis Noonan at:

gobbclinic@aol.com.

CITY PARKING RULES

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



Yom KippurThurs., Oct. 2nd
Succoth.....Tues.—Wed., Oct. 7th - 8th
Columbus Day.....Mon., October 13th
Shemini Atzereth.....Tues., Oct. 14th
Simchas Torah..... Fri., Oct. 15th
Diwali Mon., Oct. 20th



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

DEMOLITION/VACATE NOTICE



- 80-69 Tryon Place *[Partial Demolition]*
Garage Only
- 75-51 188th Street *[Partial Demolition]*
- 137-35 76th Street *[Excavation]*

NYC COMMISSION TO STRENGTHEN LOCAL DEMOCRACY

We are seeking feedback on future ballot questions that could change the NYC Charter, the City's governing document.



Available at thecommission.nyc/survey and using the QR code!



LIQUOR LICENSE NOTIFICATION (S)




- **A & Y Inc.**
d/b/a Café Muscat
178-05/178-07 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows
Renewal - Beer, Wine & 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.*



October 2025

Community Board 8, Queens

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12  We're closed! 	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Capital/ Expense Budget Cmte. Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office	21 Tentative Cannabis/ Liquor License Cmte. Meeting CB8 Office	22 Board Meeting Public Hearing 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

"When you are reluctant to change, think of the beauty of autumn." - V.V. Brown

*** Jewish Holidays start at sundown on the eve of the date.