

COMMUNITY BOARD 2 NEWSLETTER January 2021



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COMMUNITY BOARD 2 OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON:

New Year's Day - Fri. Jan. 1st

Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday - Mon., Jan. 18th

STREET CLEANING RULES WILL BE SUSPENDED ON:

The City suspends alternate side parking (ASP) regulations, for both street cleaning purposes and traffic flow, on these legal and/or religious holidays in January 2021. Non-metered residential side streets that have multiple ASP days will be cleaned – with vehicles required to be moved- only on the latest day in the week on each side, until further notice. Accordingly, parking meters will not be in effect on major legal holidays*.

New Year's Day - Fri. Jan. 1

Three Kings Day - Wed. Jan. 6

Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday - Mon. Jan. 18

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Thursday, January 7th, 2021

PLEASE NOTE MEETING INFORMATION

This meeting will be taking place via zoom teleconference. Please check the website for details.

Time: <u>6:30 pm</u>

*BOARD MEMBERS WHO ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THIS MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY THE COMMUNITY BOARD 2 OFFICE.

"Serving the Communities of Long Island City, Sunnyside, Woodside and Maspeth"

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS BY AREA

<u>Long Island City</u> – Diane Ballek, Warren Davis, Sally Frank, William Garrett, Kenneth Greenberg, Benjamin Guttmann, Sheila Lewandowski, Jordan Levine, Thomas Mituzas, Patrick O'Brien, Elliot Park, Mary Torres, Rebecca Trent, Adrienne Verrilli, Julie Jaehee Won, Frank Wu

<u>Sunnyside</u> – Amparo Abel-Bey, Anatole Ashraf, Diane Ballek, Thalia Batan, Nicholas Berkowitz, Sandra Bigitschke, Tannia Chavez, Osman Chowdhury, Stephen Cooper, Jake DeGroot, Lisa Deller, Christine Hunter, Badrun N. Khan, Dominick Lippolis, Kristen McGowan, Taina McShane, Dorothy Morehead, Patrick Murray, Clara Oza, Bianca Ozeri, Regina Shanley, Lauren Springer

<u>Woodside</u> - Czarinna Andres, Bessie Cassaro, Morry Galonoy, Dr. Rosamond Gianutsos, Mohammed Z. Choudhury Jewel, Steven Raga, Norberto Saldana, Carol Terrano, Anthony Tudela

Maspeth - John Vaichunas

The Board has received Notice of the following license applications:

January 2021 Applications

ON PREMISES LIQUOR LICENSES AND RESTAURANT WINE BEER LICENSES

New Applications

The Baroness Bar	47-18 Vernon Blvd., LIC	Liquor Wine Beer Cider
Sweet Avenue Corp.	40-05 Queens Blvd., Sunnyside	Liquor Wine Beer Cider
Salrenzo Enterpises LLC dba Pri	viledged 49-14 Queens Blvd., Woodside	Liquor Wine Beer Cider

Renewal / Transfers / Alterations

45-30 23 rd St., LIC	Liquor Wine Beer Cider Liquor Wine Beer Cider
Aneca Inc. dba Mustang Whisky & Bites 65-14 Roosevelt Ave., Woodside	
47-04 Vernon Blvd., LIC	Liquor Wine Beer Cider
67-12 Roosevelt Ave., Woodside	Liquor Wine Beer Cider
46-15 Center Blvd., LIC	Liquor Wine Beer Cider
43-22 Greenpoint Ave., Sunnyside	Liquor Wine Beer cider
47-16 Vernon Blvd., LIC	Liquor Wine Beer Cider
	ites 65-14 Roosevelt Ave., Woodside 47-04 Vernon Blvd., LIC 67-12 Roosevelt Ave., Woodside 46-15 Center Blvd., LIC 43-22 Greenpoint Ave., Sunnyside

We invite comments from the community regarding any of the applications. If you have any such comments or questions, please call Community Board 2 at (718) 533-8773 or email at qn02@cb.nyc.gov

NYS Homes and Community Renewal

Applications for COVID Rent Relief Program are available online at https://hcr.ny.gov/RRP

Previous applications do not have to reapply to receive consideration. NYS Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) announced the COVID Rent Relief Program will be reopened for application with expanded eligibility criteria in an effort to serve New Yorkers who may have not had the opportunity to initially apply and those who may have been previously ineligible. Applications will be accepted through Monday, February 1, 2021. Residents who need help or have questions about their application can contact HCR's COVID Rent Relief Program Call center for assistance at 1-833-499-0318 or email covidrentrelief@hcr.ny.gov



A Word from the District Manager ...

2021 New Year-Different Resolutions:

Wear a Mask (it protects you and me). Keep 6ft apart in social gatherings. Wash your hands or hand sanitize.

Get Tested: Find a testing site at www.nyc.gov/covidtest
Continue to be mindful and reserve from judgment during this COVID-19 pandemic. Not everyone handles it the same way.

Patronize your local restaurants and businesses.

Reach out to neighbors who are not able to get to stores.

Be Kind

We're all in this together!

As we move forward through this COVID-19 pandemic, everyone stay safe and healthy. Visit **www.nyc.gov/health/coronavirus** for more information

Please continue to check the CB2 website for regular updates, meetings, flyers on important information.

We have added a COVID-19 (Coronavirus) section on the current projects tab.

Also please check the Notices sections and remember to LIKE us on Facebook!

Sincerely,

Debra Markell Kleinert District Manager

NYC Department of Sanitation

Snow and Ice Removal

Every owner, lessee, tenant, occupant, or other person having charge of any lot or building must clean snow and/or ice from the sidewalk after the snow has stopped falling. Snow may NOT be thrown into the street. If the snow or ice becomes frozen so hard that it cannot be removed, the sidewalk may be strewn with ashes, sand, sawdust, or similar suitable material. The sidewalk must be thoroughly cleaned as soon as the weather permits. There can be a fine of \$100-\$150 for 1st Offense - Visit www.nyc.gov/dsny

Notify NYC - Winter Storm Warnings

Always use caution when walking, bilking or driving

As we head into the colder weather, here are some important tips:

<u>Before an Outage</u>: Charge cell phones, gather supplies, turn refrigerator/freezers to a colder setting.

<u>During an Outage</u>: Stay clear of downed power lines, turn off all appliances, do not use generators indoors; keep refrigerator/freezer doors closed to prevent food spoilage. If you have a disability/access needs, or use Life Sustaining Equipment and need immediate assistance, dial 911.

Con Edison

Smell Gas. Act Fast.

- 1. <u>Smell</u> Natural gas smells like rotten eggs.
- 2. <u>Gas</u> If gas is in the air, a spark could cause an explosion. Don't light a match, smoke, flip a switch, ring a doorbell, or touch appliances or electronics, including phones.
- 3. Run If you suspect a gas leak, get everyone out immediately.
- 4. <u>Call</u> When you're safe, call 911, Con Edison (1-800-75-CONED), or National Grid (1-718-643-4050)

Don't assume someone else has already called. You can report leaks anonymously. www.coned.com/gassafety

NYC Emergency Management Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

New York City's Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) are groups of community based volunteers who undergo an intensive basic training program that provides basic response skills. You must be 18 years or older and live or work in NYC. For more information and to contact CERT visit www.nyc.gov/CERT

Queens Public Library

Queens Public Library currently offers the service of Remote Printing. Files can be uploaded and the printouts can be picked up at any QPL branch that offers to-go service. You can print up to 20 black and white pages per day. Allow two days for your printing to be available. Files can be uploaded using Word, PDF or other commonly used file types Visit http://queenslibrary.org for more information

NYC Department of the Aging

In the event of a snowstorm of 6 inches or more, eligible New Yorkers within designated areas across the City may receive assistance to remove snow from the sidewalk outside of a homeowner's residence.

To be eligible, you must own a home within select areas and fall under one of these two categories:

- A homeowner who is 60 years of age and older
- A homeowner who has a disability

Snow shoveling assistance is limited only to the sidewalk outside of the residence. Shoveling assistance does not include clearing access to automobiles and driveways.

Please note, this service is based on availability of staff and volunteers and does not guarantee snow shoveling assistance. If determined eligible, you will be notified directly by a contractor ahead of the snow shoveling service.

Call 311 for assistance by phone.

EMPLOYMENT

Health and Hospitals hiring 500 non-clerical staff to help with patient transport, clerical work and cleaning. No medical background is required and hiring will be expanded to thousands soon. Please visit www.nyc.gov/getwork for more information and to apply.

SERVICES

<u>SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY SERVICES</u> - Offers options for the whole family, from free full-day pre-kindergarten to college and career readiness programs, a vibrant center for active older adults, and flexible home care options that allow older adults to live independently and safely at home. Sunnyside Community Services' CARE NYC city-wide program supports the family caregivers of those with Alzheimer's or dementia by providing access to educational events, family outings, medical enrollment information, and adult day care or in-home care for their love ones. Find out more about all our programs at http://www.scsny.org or call 718-784-6173.

<u>HANAC</u> – Western Queens Caregivers Network – Are you caring for a parent, spouse, or friend with Alzheimer's, dementia or another chronic illness? Weekly caregivers support group, counseling sessions, information and referrals. For further information call (718) 728-3586 Exts. 5048 / 5031



QUEENS BOROUGH PRESIDENT DONOVAN RICHARDS & THE AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMITTEE 2021 SCHOLARSHIP

INFORMATION & INSTRUCTIONS

Each year the African American Heritage Committee awards scholarships to graduating High School seniors pursuing a post-secondary education. Recipients receive a monetary award for academic expenses.

Applicants must be residents of Queens. Interested high school seniors must submit a completed application with an official high school transcript by 5 p.m. on January 11, 2021. Scholarship recipients will be notified by February 1, 2021. The online application can be found at:

www.queensbp.org/aahcscholarshipapp/

Answer each question completely. The academic questions refer to the student's High School experience. Each question is carefully considered in the evaluation of each application. Please note: grammar and overall presentation are considered.

Transcripts must be submitted separately and can be forwarded via email to:
sanderson@queensbp.org or fax at: 718-286-3134.

The scholarship winners will be notified by February 1st, and announced at the Queens Borough President's **Virtual Black History Month Celebration on** Wednesday, February 24, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.



We're planning for snow. Are you?

By preparing for snow we can keep Open Restaurants going strong all winter long. The NYC Dept. of Sanitation (DSNY) has been training to remove snow on streets with Open Restaurant structures.

Protect your patrons, staff and property:

- **✓** Use snow sticks to increase visibility of your Open Restaurant.
- Be prepared to consolidate and remove items when a Winter Operations Advisory or Snow Alert is issued.

Watch for two levels of advisories:

Winter Operations Advisory:

- Winter weather is possible.
- Roadway dining may continue, but take steps to protect your patrons, staff and property.
- DSNY may spread salt and/or brine to prevent freezing.

Snow Alert:

- One or more inches of snow are possible.
- Roadway dining MUST CLOSE by the time indicated in the Alert.
- Remove or secure furniture, and remove electric heaters. Remove the tops of your structures if possible.*
- Remove snow and ice from your sidewalk. If you're on a corner, clear a
 path to crosswalk.
- · Do not to block fire hydrants.
- It is illegal to push snow into the street. Snow may be placed at the curbline, against the building, or on private property.
- DSNY may begin spreading salt and/or brine on the roadway up to 48 hours before an Alert begins.

The City will announce when the snow alert is over and in-street dining may safely resume.

Sign up for snow alerts and updates via nyc.gov/Notify or @NotifyNYC on twitter.



^{*} If the forecast calls for 12" of snow or more, remove or consolidate your structures, including barriers, to take up as little space as possible. This makes plowing easier and protects your property.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

<u>Sunnyside Community Services</u> - They are looking for volunteers to help seniors use their website for more information. If interested in this volunteer opportunity, please call 718-784-6173

Community Board 2 Newsletter

If you would like to submit a flyer or a special meeting notice for the newsletter, please do so by the third week of the month for the following month's newsletter. E-mail at qn02@cb.nyc.gov, call (718) 533-8773 or Fax 718-533-8777

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