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## COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## Community Board 8, Queens

Hillcrest Jewish Center  
183-02 Union Turnpike (Auditorium)  
Fresh Meadows, NY 11366

- ◆ Minutes of November 9, 2016 Board Meeting were unanimously approved by 38 members.
- ◆ Chairperson Martha Taylor wished everyone a Happy Holiday season!
- ◆ **Home Stability Support Program presentation - Assembly Member Andrew Hevesi:** The purpose of this proposal is to get New York State to step up and pay its fair share to assist with the homeless crisis. This program is designed to reverse the trend of growing homelessness. It is far cheaper for tax payers and safer for families. A vote was taken in support of the Home Stability Program.

In Favor: 38    Opposed: 0    Abstained: 0

- ◆ **Redwood Playground Project presentation - NYC Parks:** Parks is proposing to re-design and improve Redwood Playground which is located in the lower area of Cunningham Park on 193rd Street. The total budget of this project is \$1.7 million dollars. A vote was taken in support of the NYC Parks Redwood Playground Project.

In Favor: 38    Opposed: 0    Abstained: 0

Next Community Board 8 Meeting will be on **WEDNESDAY, January 11, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.**

\*\*\* Minutes of Board Meetings are available on our website: [www.nyc.gov/queenscb8](http://www.nyc.gov/queenscb8)

## *A Word from the District Manager ...*

*Dear Community Board 8 Resident:*

*Now that winter is here, our roads may need repair especially after snow storms. There are differences in the type of street defects that are reported. They are: potholes, cave-ins, hummocks, failed utility cuts, missing street hardware, defective hardware and ponding. Whichever one it is, please call 311 or log on to [nyc.gov/311](http://nyc.gov/311) to file a complaint right away. Make sure to keep the reference number for follow-ups.*

*You can also contact Community Board 8 from Monday through Friday except legal holidays to file a complaint as well. We will log in the complaint on your behalf and do the necessary follow-ups. I hold a monthly District Service Cabinet meeting with the different City agencies and discuss complaint resolution once a month. This is the time that we address the unresolved and complex issues that may need additional attention.*

*Please see pictures of the different street defects to assist you in filing the correct complaint.*

*Pothole*



*Cave-in*



*Hummock*



*Failed Utility Cut*



*Missing Street Hardware*



*Defective Hardware*



*Ponding*



*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**

*P.S. If you would like an email version, please contact us at 718-264-7895 and provide your email address.*

*This information is also available on our website: [www.nyc.gov/queenscb8](http://www.nyc.gov/queenscb8). Remember to "Like" us on*

**facebook**

### DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION

No Garbage, Recycling, Organics  
Collection or Street Cleaning on:

- Monday, January 2, 2017

For questions about Sanitation services  
and holiday schedules, contact 311 or  
visit the DSNY website at:

[www.nyc.gov/sanitation](http://www.nyc.gov/sanitation).



### FDNY NEWS!



In 2017, street furniture will be installed to fight pollution from idling ambulances. Ambulances are positioned all over the city and must idle their engines to keep on board equipment running. This generates noise & air pollution. These tall pedestals will be installed so ambulances can be plugged in and engines will be turned off.

# Cunningham Park



## Take your tree to MulchFest 2017!

Saturday & Sunday

January 7th & 8th

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



**Toys & Games from the Attic & Beyond!**  
**The Curator and QHS Trustee Joseph Brostek**  
announces a fun filled exhibit that will run  
through **June 2017**

at the 230-year-old Landmarked Homestead  
**Weeping Beach Park**

**143-35 37th Avenue in Flushing, NY**

Admission/donation - \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors  
and students; free for QHS Members  
& Children under 12.

Museum can be rented out for family events!

**Call (718) 939-0647 to learn more.**

Museum hours: Tuesday, Saturday & Sunday  
2:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. or by appointment.



## Protect Your Water Meter and Pipes from Freezing

Most water meters and pipes are in basements, crawl spaces, and other unheated areas, where cold winter temperatures could cause them to freeze. Homeowners are responsible for protecting meters and pipes from freezing:

- If the meter freezes and breaks because you failed to take reasonable steps to protect it, DEP will repair or replace the meter and bill you for the cost.
- If the service line or piping freezes and breaks, it is the homeowner's responsibility to have repairs made by a licensed plumber.

### Here are some tips and suggestions to prevent freezing

- Repair broken and cracked windows, doors, and walls.
- Install storm windows on basement windows.
- Tightly close doors and windows to the outside.
- Insulate outside walls.
- Eliminate drafts from crawl spaces.
- When you are checking to see how cold the area is where your meter and pipes are installed, remember that it is colder near the floors and foundation walls.
- Turn off the water to outside faucets, remove hoses, and drain the pipes.
- Ask your local plumbing supplier about materials to insulate pipes and meters. If your meter is installed in an unheated garage, take extra care to ensure the meter is insulated.
- If pipes or the meter are in a closed cabinet against an outside wall, insulate the wall and open the cabinet to allow warmer air to reach them.
- If you are not going to be home for several days during cold weather, arrange to have someone visit periodically and turn on a faucet to ensure that the water is still flowing.



### If your service line, pipes, or meters freeze

- Open a faucet near the frozen point to release vapor from melting ice;
- Direct a hair dryer or heat lamp at the frozen section, or put a small space heater nearby; and,
- NEVER thaw a frozen pipe or meter with an open flame. This is not only a fire hazard, but could also cause a steam explosion.

If you are unable to thaw the frozen pipes, consult a licensed plumber.

# CBSQ Meetings



# 2017

Community Board 8's monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesdays of the month at 7:30 p.m. unless the date falls on a religious/major holiday. The meetings are held in the auditorium of the Hillcrest Jewish Center located at **183-02 Union Turnpike**. The 2017 Meeting dates are as follows:

January 11th	February 8th	<b>March 15th</b> <i>(3rd Wednesday)</i>	<b>April 19th</b> <i>(3rd Wednesday)</i>
May 10th	June 14th	July <b>No meeting</b>	August <b>No meeting</b>
September 13th	<b>October 18th</b> <i>(3rd Wednesday)</i>	November 8th	December 13th

Our meetings are open to the public. Anyone who wishes to speak may do so during the Public Participation part of the meeting provided that he/she signed up for speaking time (*preferably by calling the Community Board at 718-264-7895 no later than 4:45 p.m. the day of the meeting*). You will be granted up to 3 minutes of

To acknowledge the month of January as  
Anti-Stalking month

**Queensboro Council for Social Welfare**  
**Announces an Anti-Stalking 101 Training**

The Dynamics of Stalking  
How to respond to Stalking  
Problems encountered and much more...

Presenter: Michelle Archer, Director of Safe Horizon

Date: Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2017

Time: 10:00 am

Location: 27-40 Hoyt Avenue South, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

P: (718) 685-2802

E: QCSWNYC@gmail.com

Please e-mail your attendance to hold a seat(s).

If you have any questions, call and ask for Bette Engel.

## NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS/QUEENS UPDATE: LOOKING TOWARD 2017

As the year winds down, **NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens**, the community hospital of choice for many residents of Community Board No. 8, continues to make strides and reinvent itself as a premier health facility in the borough.

Late last year, the entire NYC Health + Hospitals system underwent a rebranding initiative and the former **Queens Hospital Center** officially became **NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens**. The new branding and tagline, **“Live Your Healthiest Life”**, signify its transformation from a hospital-centric corporation to a healthcare system that keeps communities healthy, as we move from a focus on sick care to healthcare. The rebranding initiative is closely aligned with a reconsideration of our values, an overall change in culture, and a renewed commitment to serving our patients.

In September 2016, **Christopher Roker, MBA**, a native son of Saint Albans, Queens with more than twenty years of healthcare experience and an extensive background in operations, maximizing revenue, enhancing patient services, and increasing productivity, was appointed **Chief Executive Officer of NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens**. Chris’s experiences in managing healthcare organizations include his tenure with MetroHealth Systems in Cleveland, Ohio, where he served as Senior Vice President and Chief Hospital Administrative Officer, as well as at Saint Barnabas Hospital in The Bronx, Beth Israel Hospital in Manhattan, and The Parkway Hospital in Queens. “I am truly honored and excited to come back to my birthplace, Queens, and work with and for our patients, employees, and the diverse community served by NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens,” he says. “I am a servant leader who recognizes that the hospital’s true asset is its employees and their connection with our patients.”

In November, **NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens was one of only two hospitals in New York City to receive an ‘A’ grade from The Leapfrog Group**, a national patient safety watchdog. Leapfrog’s Hospital Safety Scores assess hospitals nationwide using thirty evidence-based measures of hospital safety. “Everyone at NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens plays a role in the quality of the care we provide our patients, and it is gratifying when the results of this hard work are recognized by others,” said Roker. “This news is especially good for our patients who entrust us with their care. They can enter our doors knowing that we are one of the safest hospitals in the city – and country. And it is no fluke; we achieved an ‘A’ in 2015 as well.” The Leapfrog Group is the only independent ratings program that focuses solely on how effectively hospitals keep their patients safe.

On December 1, **NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens partnered with Queens Library** to launch **“Digital-Q”**, a new web-based application that seamlessly delivers as many as 10,000 popular magazine issues to smart phones, tablets, laptops or desktops for free, along with a simple, one-screen sign-up system for new electronic library cards. The application, available at [www.digitalq.nyc](http://www.digitalq.nyc), offers 200 magazine titles and current and back issues covering nearly 40 subjects including personal finance, sports, travel and pets, as well as health and well-being. **“We are on a quest to** enhance the overall patient experience and encourage patient engagement,” said Roker. “We want our patients and their visitors to feel at home in our surroundings and have access to materials that will enable them to continue to learn, even as they are waiting to see their doctor. We are excited about joining with Queens Library to further cultivate our patient experience.”

Also on December 14, NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens hosted a **special holiday open house and ribbon-cutting ceremony** on the ground floor of **The Pavilion**, a new building that just celebrated ten years in operation. Beginning this week, The Pavilion will now house Queens’s Early Intervention Program, Healthy Lifestyles Program, Department of Pastoral Care, Medical Library, Union Offices, as well as its Community Advisory Board and Auxiliary. With all these recent positive developments, the hospital is bound to continue making new advancements well into 2017.



*As New York City Residents we must obey a gamut of regulations. We realize that most residents want to do the right thing and obey the rules. However, they often break them, as they are **unaware** of their existence. So...*



## *Did you know???*

### Landlords and Tenants

#### Heat

Heat must be supplied from October 1st through May 31st to tenants of multiple dwellings. If the outdoor temperature falls below 55° F between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., each apartment must be heated to a temperature of at least 68° F. If the outdoor temperature falls below 40°F between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. each apartment must be heated to a temperature of at least 55°.

**Multiple Dwelling Law §79**  
**Multiple Residence Law §173**  
**NYC Administrative Code §27-2029**



#### Hot Water

Landlords must provide all tenants of multiple dwellings with both hot and cold water **[YEAR ROUND]**. Hot water must register at or above a constant temperature of 120°F at the tap. If a tub or shower is equipped with an anti-scald valve that prevents the hot water temperature from exceeding 120°F, the minimum hot water temperature for that tub or shower is 110°F.

**Multiple Dwelling Law 75**  
**Multiple Residence Law 170**  
**NYC Administrative Code 27-2031**



## LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION (S)



- ◆ **Salerno Corp. d/b/a Gino's of Kissena**  
65-01 Kissena Blvd. in Flushing *Renewal of Wine, Beer and Cider License*
- ◆ **Grace Lanes, LLC d/b/a Jib Lanes**  
67-19 Parsons Blvd. in Flushing *Alteration of an on premise Liquor License*
- ◆ **Morley's Tavern Inc. d/b/a Morley's Pub**  
83-18 Parsons Blvd. in Jamaica *Renewal of Liquor, Wine, Beer and Cider License*
- ◆ **Mayflower Business Group, LLC d/b/a Bar Mayflower**  
61-27 186th Street in Fresh Meadows *New application of Liquor, 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/VACATE NOTICE



- ◆ 86-57 Midland Parkway - Demolition
- ◆ 147-36 Jewel Avenue - Demolition
- ◆ 82-21 189th Street - Demolition & Excavation
- ◆ 72-72 141st Street - Demolition & Excavation
- ◆ 71-48 161st Street - Demolition
- ◆ 83-78 Daniels Street - Demolition

### CITY PARKING RULES

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



January 1-2 .....New Year's Day/Observed  
January 16th .....Martin Luther King's Birthday  
January 28th .....Asian Lunar New Year

**Remember, parking meters are still in effect.**

### Street Activity/Block Party Perm it Request



*\* No Street Activity/Block Party scheduled for the month of January.*



The kindergarten application process is officially open. All students born in 2012 who currently live in New York City are eligible to attend kindergarten in September 2017. All families, including those of students with disabilities and current pre-k students, must submit an application in order to receive a kindergarten placement. **Admission is not first-come, first-served.** All applications received by the **January 13th** deadline are treated the same, according to schools' admissions priorities.

Families are able to apply in one of three ways:

- Online at [schools.nyc.gov/applyonline](http://schools.nyc.gov/applyonline). The online application is available in ten languages (English, Spanish, Chinese, Russian, Arabic, Korean, Haitian Creole, Bengali, Urdu and French)
- Over the phone, by calling 718-935-2400. Families can access translation services over the phone in over 200 languages
- In person at one of the DOE's Family Welcome Centers.



**Family Welcome Centers Locations in Queens are as follows:**

28-11 Queens Plaza North, 3rd floor  
Long Island City, NY 11101  
Districts Served: 24, 30

30-48 Linden Place, 2nd floor  
Flushing, NY 11354  
Districts Served: 25, 26

90-27 Sutphin Boulevard, 1st floor  
Jamaica, NY 11435  
Districts Served: 27, 28, 29



# JANUARY 2017

## Community Board 8, Queens

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2 We're closed	3	4	5	6  Three Kings Day	7
8	9	10 Liquor License Committee Mtg. 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Avenue	11 Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike	12	13	14
15	16  Martin Luther King's Day We're closed	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 
29	30	31				

*"The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot." – Michael Altshuler*