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## COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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### OFFICERS

**CHAIRMAN:** Alvin Warshaviak  
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**2nd VICE CHAIR:** Martha Taylor  
**3rd VICE CHAIR:** Seymour Schwartz  
**EXEC. SECRETARY:** Maurice Braithwaite  
**TREASURER:** Robert Van Pelt  
**BUDGET DIRECTOR:** Maurice Braithwaite

### CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Honorable Mark S. Weprin  
Honorable James F. Gennaro

### BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Honorable Helen Marshall

### STAFF

Barbara McKeon and Jamise Jones

### BOARD MEMBERS BY AREA

#### Area 1 – Kew Gardens Hills

Dr. Allen J. Bennett – CHAIR, Susan D. Cleary, Florence Fisher, Joshua Glikman, Mitch Lisker, Simon Pelman, Michael Sidell, Norma Stegmaier and Jacob Weinberg

#### Area 2 – Briarwood

Seymour Schwartz - CHAIR, Carolyn Baker-Brown, Allen Eisenstein, Elke Maerz, Virginia Rallis, Charlton Rhee and Albert Willingham

#### Area 3 - Hillcrest Estates & Jamaica Hills

Kevin Forrestal - CHAIR, Dilafroz Ahmed, Frances Peterson, Samuel Rodriguez and Anna Sawchuk

#### Area 4 – Flushing Heights, Flushing Suburban, Hillcrest

Robert Van Pelt - ACTING CHAIR, Jagir Singh Bains, Maurice Braithwaite, Kenneth Cohen II, Steven Konigsberg, Nily Rozic, Annie Salvatore and Alvin Warshaviak

#### Area 5 – Georgetown Mews, Pomonok, Electchester, Flushing

Mary Maggio Fischer – CHAIR, Monica Corbett, Carolann Foley, Frank Magri, Steven Sadofsky and Stanley Weinblatt

#### Area 6 – Utopia, Fresh Meadows, West Cunningham Park

Maria DeInnocentiis – CHAIR, James Gallagher, Jr., Robert Harris, Tami Hirsch, Tamara Osherov and Robert Van Pelt

#### Area 7 – Jamaica Estates & Holliswood

Mark Lefkof – CHAIR, Dr. Robert Block, Howard A. Fried, Marc A. Haken, Michael Hannibal, Jesse Rosenbaum, Harbachan Singh and Martha Taylor

### Community Board 8, Queens

Board Meeting held on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.  
Hillcrest Jewish Center, 183-02 Union Turnpike

Minutes of November 14, 2012 were approved: 36 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.

### Committee Reports:

#### DEP/Sanitation Committee – Briefing on work to be done with the wells – Kevin Forrestal, Committee Chair

- DEP made a presentation to the Executive Board at a meeting on December 5, 2012.
- The Delaware Aqueduct is leaking and must be repaired. In 2020, a section of the Aqueduct will be closed which will cause a shortage of water. An alternate source of water is needed to address this shortage and DEP will look to the wells used previously by the Jamaica Water Company.
- The Executive Board raised many concerns about water quality, testing and access to test results. The DEP will come back to the Board when there is more information.

#### OHC's T-Building – CommuniLife Proposal briefing by Kevin Forrestal, Chair of Area 3

- The Health and Hospital Corporation and Queens Hospital Center came to the Executive Board to share a proposal for 251 units of housing for mental health patients and people with HIV/AIDS in the T-building at QHC. It will have 175 studios and 76 family units.
- There will be a screening process, background checks and internal security within the building requiring residents to check in and check out. The Executive Board asked and they agreed to provide details of these documents regarding the screening process.
- The Executive Board asked them if there are any approval requirements as far as ULURPS are concerned. They indicated that they believe it was an as-of-right change.
- Many local community organizations are very concerned about this including the Briarwood community.
- The Board has not received an application; therefore, there is no action that can be taken at this time.

#### Barrv Grodenchik, Director of Community Boards

- He congratulated Nily Rozic. She is on her way to the Assembly and this will be her last Board Meeting as a Board Member for CB8.
- He also presented Frank Magri with a citation of honor for his unselfish and heroic act of assisting a young woman who was being assaulted in the NYC subway. Mr. Grodenchik congratulated him.

\*\*\* Minutes of the Board Meeting are available on our website: [www.queenscb8.org](http://www.queenscb8.org)

**NEXT COMMUNITY BOARD 8 MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2013**

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

Dear Community Board 8 Resident:

I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and I wish you a safe, healthy and prosperous New Year. As we start the winter season, it is time to remind the community of the Department of Sanitation's regulations for snow removal to keep everyone safe.

The Department of Sanitation's mandate to submit a Winter Snow Plan to the Speaker, Members of the Council, the Borough Presidents and Community District Managers is in its second year. *The DSNY has evaluated approximately 3,000 snow plowing routes; it has upgraded equipment; made preventive maintenance of equipment; evaluated responses to snow falls from the last snow season and made adjustments. Trainings were held from September through December on operating machinery. DSNY also met with other city agencies to coordinate assets.* New York City is ready - so let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

### ***What is your responsibility as an owner, lessee, tenant, occupant or responsible maintenance personnel?***

The New York City Department of Sanitation Digest of Codes, states the following on the removal of snow and ice:

*Every owner, lessee, tenant, occupant, or other person having charge of any lot or building must clean snow and/or ice from the sidewalk within 4 hours after the snow has stopped falling, or by 11:00 a.m. if the snow has stopped falling after 9:00 p.m. the previous evening. 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 within the same time limits. The sidewalk must be thoroughly cleaned as soon as the weather permits.*

**§16-123 FINE:**    **\$100-\$150 - 1st Offense**  
                          **\$150-\$350 - 2nd Offense**  
                          **\$250-\$350 - 3rd & Subsequent Offenses**

While we are obligated to clean our sidewalks, we should not forget the fire hydrants and bus stops. Clearing them could save a life. Do you have an elderly or disabled neighbor? How about checking on him/her a few days a week? Maybe make a path for her/him after cleaning your own sidewalks? Let's keep the holiday spirit going throughout the year. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your Community Board.

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.queenscb8.org](http://www.queenscb8.org)***



*We regret to announce the passing of our dear colleague **Jennifer Phillips Brosowsky**.*

*Jennifer worked at Community Board 8, Queens office for 8 1/2 years. She was a delight to work with. She was always eager to please and was courteous to everyone at the other end of the phone. Jennifer was a ray of sunshine for the office. Usually the first one in the office, she greeted us cheerfully and always had a story to tell. She had a good heart; she saw the best in people; most of all she had a great sense of humor.*

*Jennifer found great joy in compiling the monthly newsletter and she created all of the greeting cards sent out by the Community Board. She is sorely missed.*

*The Community Board will hold a memorial in honor of Jennifer at the January 9th Board meeting.  
All are welcome to attend.*



## LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

- Morley's Tavern, 83-18 Parsons Boulevard, applied for renewal of its Liquor, Wine and Beer license.
- King Yum Restaurant, 181-08 Union Turnpike, applied for renewal of its Liquor, Wine and Beer license.

*Any complaints about establishments with liquor licenses should be sent in writing to Community Board 8. Unless a signed, written notification is received at our office, we cannot follow up. You must also include your address and telephone number.*

### Street Activity/Block Party Permit Request Received by Community Board 8 for January 2013:



No request was approved by the Community Board nor awaits the Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO)'s approval for January 2013.

## Demolition Notices

- 61-20 170 Street (House and Garage)
- 137-19 72 Road



## QED-989 Update!

The Department of Design and Construction contracted P & T II Contracting Corp. to commence work on **March 11, 2013** and complete all work by **March 10, 2015**. The contractor must obtain DOT permits prior to the commencement of work.

This project involves the construction of Water Main Replacements in various locations in Queens. The locations in CB8 are as follows: Union Turnpike (164th St and Utopia Parkway) and Grand Central Parkway (188th St and Mayfield Road).

*We will keep you posted on any new development.*



## Christmas Tree Recycling

The Department of Sanitation starts Christmas tree recycling on **January 2nd** through **January 12th**. Remove all tree stand, tinsel, lights and ornaments from trees before placing them at curbside. **DO NOT** bag the Christmas trees.

Mulchfest 2013 will be held on Saturday, January 12th and Sunday, January 13th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at drop off sites throughout the City including **Cunningham Park**. Please go to the visitor's parking lot near the tennis courts on 196th Street/Union Turnpike. Attendees can drop off their trees and pick up free mulch.



For other locations go to: [www.nyc.gov/parks](http://www.nyc.gov/parks) or call

## CITY PARKING RULES

The City suspends alternate side parking regulations, for both street cleaning purposes and traffic flow, on these legal and/or religious holidays in **January 2013**.

January 1 .....New Year's Day

January 21 .....Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday

**Parking meter regulations remain in effect.**

*(For more information, call the 311 Hotline)*



## Prepare to GO!

Every household should pack a Go Bag - a collection of items you may need in the event of an evacuation. A Go Bag should be packed in a sturdy, easy-to-carry container such as a backpack or suitcase on wheels. A Go Bag should be easily accessible if you have to leave your home in a hurry. Make sure it is ready to go at all times of the year.



- Copies of your important documents in a waterproof and portable container (insurance cards, photo IDs, proof of address, etc.)
- Extra set of car and house keys
- Credit and ATM cards and cash, especially in small denominations. We recommend you keep at least \$50-\$100 on hand.
- Bottled water and non-perishable food such as energy or granola bars
- Flashlight **Note: Traditional flashlight bulbs have limited life-span. Light Emitting Diode (LED) flashlights, however, are more durable and last up to 10 times longer than traditional bulbs.**
- Battery-operated AM/FM radio and extra batteries
- Keep a list of the medications each member of your household takes, why they take them, and their dosages. Medication information and other essential personal items. If you store extra medication in your Go Bag, be sure to refill it before it expires.
- First-aid kit
- Contact and meeting place information for your household, and a small regional map
- Child care supplies or other special care items

For more information visit:

[www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/get\\_prepared/supplies.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/get_prepared/supplies.shtml)

## New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development

The City Housing Maintenance Code and State Multiple Dwelling Law requires building owners to provide heat and hot water to all tenants. Building owners are required to provide hot water 365 days per year at a constant minimum temperature of 120 degrees Fahrenheit. Between October 1st and May 31st, a period designated as "Heat Season," building owners are also required to provide tenants with heat under the following conditions:



Between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., if the outside temperature falls below 55 degrees, the inside temperature is required to be at least 68 degrees Fahrenheit; and, between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., if the temperature outside falls below 40 degrees, the inside temperature is required to be at least 55 degrees Fahrenheit.

To see if there are any open heat and hot water violations on the property or to check the status of your heat and hot water complaint go to: [http://167.153.4.70/Hpdonline/Provide\\_address.aspx](http://167.153.4.70/Hpdonline/Provide_address.aspx)

Tenants who are cold in their apartments should first attempt to notify the building owner, managing agent or superintendent. If heat is not restored, the tenant should call the City's Customer Service Center at 311. For the hearing impaired, the TTY number is (212) 504-4115. The Center is open 24-hours a day, seven-days a week. (You may also file a complaint at 311 ONLINE for heat and hot water conditions.)



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## Community Board 8, Queens

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> <i>Office Closed</i>  <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	<b>9</b> 7:30 p.m. <b>Board Meeting</b> Hillcrest J.C. 183-02 Union Tpke. 	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	<i>Office Closed</i>  <b>MLK Day</b>	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		