



November

COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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CHAIRPERSON: Martha Taylor
DISTRICT MANAGER: Marie Adam-Ovide
1st VICE CHAIR: Stanley Weinblatt
2nd VICE CHAIR: Seymour Schwartz
3rd VICE CHAIR: Michael Hannibal
EXEC. SECRETARY: Carolyn Baker-Brown
TREASURER: Harbachan Singh

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Honorable Barry Grodenchik - 23rd District
Honorable Rory Lanman - 24th District

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Honorable Melinda Katz

STAFF

Jatma Reyes
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BOARD MEMBERS BY AREA

Area 1 - Kew Gardens Hills

Dr. Allen J. Bennett - CHAIR, Susan D. Cleary, Florence Fisher, Joshua Glikman, Bright Limm, Mitch Lisker, Jennifer Martin, Rabbi Shlomo Nisanov, Simon Pelman and Jacob Weinberg

Area 2 - Briarwood

Seymour Schwartz - CHAIR, Carolyn Baker-Brown, Allen Eisenstein, John Gebhard, Elke Maerz, Charlton Rhee, Douglas Sherman and Albert Willingham

Area 3 - Hillcrest Estates & Jamaica Hill

Kevin Forrestal - CHAIR, Dilafroz Ahmed, Bhithara-Martha Fulton, Fakrul "Dehwar" Islam, Paul Lazauskas and Frances Peterson

Area 4 - Flushing Heights, Flushing Suburban, Hillcrest

Jagir Singh Bains - CHAIR, Kenneth Cohen II, Steven Konigsberg, Dilip Nath and Dr. Penny M. Stern

Area 5 - Georgetown Mews, Pomonok, Electchester, Flushing

Mary Maggio - CHAIR, Monica Corbett, Carolann Foley, Frank Magri, Rachele Van Arsdale and Stanley Weinblatt

Area 6 - Utopia, Fresh Meadows, West Cunningham Park

Maria DeInnocentiis - CHAIR, James Gallagher, Jr., Robert Harris, Tami Hirsch and Tamara Osherov

Area 7 - Jamaica Estates & Holliswood

Howard Fried - CHAIR, Dr. Robert Block, Edward Chung, Howard A. Fried, Marc A. Haken, Michael Hannibal, Jesse Rosenbaum, Harbachan Singh, Martha Taylor and Mohammed Tohin

\*\*\*REMEMBER TO FLIP YOUR BALLOTS AND VOTE ON THE PROPOSITIONS!\*\*\*

Community Board 8, Queens
Hillcrest Jewish Center
183-02 Union Turnpike (Auditorium)
Fresh Meadows, NY 11366

The Minutes of September 12, 2018 Board Meeting were approved by 29 members.

Chairperson Martha Taylor:

Offered best wishes to Board Members Carolann Foley and Carolyn Baker-Brown who are recuperating from surgery; Board Members Dr. Allen Bennett who is in rehab and Michael Hannibal who is undergoing physical therapy.

Congratulations to Carolann Foley who is being honored by the Saul Weprin Democratic Club. CB was advised by the Conflict of Interest Board that there is no conflict of interest for Carolann Foley to be the Chair of the Public Safety Committee with holding a position as the Precinct Council President.

Jim Gallagher was in charge of the Sunshine Fund and he has resigned. Elke Maerz has graciously accepted to take on the responsibility.

Guest Speaker Alex Kipp: Director of Education and Engagement Alex Kipp of the Conflict of Interest Board gave a presentation on the Conflict of Interest Law which is contained in the Chapter 68 of the City Charter. He discussed when Board members must use the three D's. I disclose my conflict of interest, agree to discuss the issue at hand and last I don't vote.

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Next Community Board 8 Meeting will be on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.
Minutes of Board Meetings are available on our website: www.nyc.gov/queenscb8 within two weeks.

**Committee Reports:**

**Kevin Forrestal, Area 3 Chair**

**Charter Revision Commission – Term Limits on Board Members:**

Discussed the Charter Revision Commission’s posted dates of various public hearings, and discussions on the three propositions that are being pushed forward. People who are civic association leaders or representing other groups may take the notice and speak out. He encouraged everyone to spread the word to their neighbors, civics, and/or anyone to tell them that this is a bad idea.

**Marc A. Haken, Budget Director**

**FY’2020 Capital & Expense Budget Priorities:**

Budget Director presented the budget items to be submitted for the Capital & Expense Budget for FY’2020.

- Capital Budget Priorities were unanimously approved by 27 members with changes.
- Expense Budget Priorities were unanimously approved by 28 members with no opposition.

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

*Dear Community Board 8 Resident:*

*There is a current proposal by the Department of Homeland Security to change the rule to the public charge test. For decades, immigrants applying for green cards have had to show that they would not be a “public charge.” This was narrowly defined as not having used government-funded cash assistance (SSI, TANF), State/Local cash assistance for income or long-term nursing care at the government’s expense.*

*The new proposed Public Charge the Trump Administration through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security seeks to expand their discretion to deny such applications based on an immigrant’s age, family size, income and assets, as well as based on whether or not they have utilized certain cash or non-cash benefits or programs they are legally entitled to use.*

*The de Blasio Administration’s preliminary analysis has found that, if enacted, the proposal would result in a loss of \$235 million loss in benefits. [\[If You are a citizen living in New York, how would this affect you or the City as a whole?\]](#) This analysis also found that this will lead to an additional loss of \$185 million in related economic activity in New York City. Furthermore, this may prompt thousands of New Yorkers, including U.S. Citizens, to withdraw from or forgo public benefits because of fear and confusion about the scope of the proposal, misinformation about the impact of their benefits usage on noncitizen members of their households. There are many families in New York that have mixed status.*

*For more information or to submit a comment please go to [www.NYC.gov/PublicCharge](http://www.NYC.gov/PublicCharge). There is a 60-day comment period that commenced on October 10, 2018 and will close on **December 10, 2018**.*

*If you find this information useful, please help spread the word by sharing it 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***



*Condolences to all the families and friends of the eleven victims who lost their lives due to hate and senseless violence at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pennsylvania and the two victims at the grocery store in Kentucky. [May we one day live in a world where everyone values each other’s lives despite any perceived differences and do not resort to senseless violence!](#)*

## *A message from Con Edison*

Starting in November 2018, Con Edison will be upgrading its electric and gas system with new smart meters and advanced meter infrastructure.

### **What's involved?**

- In November 2018, Con Edison will begin installing devices on utility poles that will support the new equipment.
- In 2019, Con Edison and its contractors will begin replacing meters in homes and businesses. We will let customers know in advance when we will be coming to their neighborhood.

### **What are the benefits of new smart meters?**

- Customers will have more detailed information about their energy use, so they can manage costs while conserving energy to help the environment.
- We will be able to read meters remotely – no more waiting at home for a meter reader and no more estimated bills.
- Smart Meters will notify Con Edison when a customer's power goes out, allowing for faster restoration.

You can find more information about the smart meter program and its benefits at [www.coned.com/smartmeters](http://www.coned.com/smartmeters).

### ***Carol Conslato***

Con Edison - Public Affairs



**Melinda Katz**  
President of the Borough of Queens

## **QUEENS 2020 CENSUS TOWN HALL**

**Tuesday, November 13, 2018**

**6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.**

**Helen Marshall Cultural Center at Queens Borough Hall  
120-55 Queens Boulevard in Kew Gardens**

The 2020 Census will determine our representation in the U.S. House of Representatives and how much federal funding we receive for the next ten years.

Borough President Katz is committed to ensuring that Queens gets counted.  
At this town hall, the Borough President will announce the launch of her  
Queens Complete Count Committee

Come learn about the 2020 Census and find out how you can participate in this important outreach effort.

**PLEASE RSVP**

**Go to: [www.Queensbp.org/rsvp](http://www.Queensbp.org/rsvp) or call 718-286-2661**

## NYPD — 107th Precinct

### Quarterly NCO Meeting Schedule



Sector	Date	Time	Location
107A	Monday, November 5, 2018	6:30 p.m.	Holy Family Church 74-15 175 Street Fresh Meadows, NY 11366
107B	Monday, December 17, 2018	6:30 p.m.	Hollis Library 202-05 Hillside Ave Hollis, NY 11423
107C	Wednesday, December 12, 2018	6:30 p.m.	Archbishop Molloy H.S. 83-53 Manton Street Briarwood, NY 11435
107D	Wednesday, November 14, 2018	6:30 p.m.	John Bowne H.S. 63-25 Main Street Flushing NY 11367



## GET MOVING IN CUNNINGHAM PARK

Everyone is welcome at Open Run



**Free Sunday morning runs and walks. Volunteers are needed too!**

Meet us off Union Turnpike at the Comfort Station between the Tennis Courts and Baseball fields.

- Check-in starts at 8:45 a.m.
- Open Run begins at 9:00 a.m.

**Awesome incentives for participation and volunteering!**

Check out our website, [openrun.nyrr.org](http://openrun.nyrr.org) or join our Facebook group: NYRR Open Run Cunningham Park.

This program is in collaboration with NYC Parks' Community Parks Initiative and is presented by New York Road Runners, whose mission is to help and inspire people through running.

#GetOutToRun  
#NYRROpenRun  
#OR\_CunninghamPark



## Friends of Cunningham Park

### IT'S MY PARK DAY

at

### CUNNINGHAM PARK!

SATURDAY, November 3, 2018

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Volunteers are needed!



Sign in at the Park House located behind the bocce courts, next to the tennis courts. Beautification sites are located throughout the park, so please register at the sign-in table to find out where your help is most needed. Thanks!

Volunteers can receive community service credit!

Contact Event Director Kitty Azhar  
[greening.volunteers@gmail.com](mailto:greening.volunteers@gmail.com)



*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???*

### **Absentee Voting**

October 30th was the last day to postmark an application or letter of application for an absentee ballot. If you will not be able to vote at your polling place on election day, you can still request an absentee ballot in person. The last day to request one in person will be on Tuesday, November 5th. It is also the last day to have your absentee ballot postmarked.

If you must request an absentee ballot in person, we urge you to do so as soon as possible at the Board of Election's Borough Office.

#### **Board of Elections - Queens 126-06 Queens Boulevard Kew Gardens**

Schedule:

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Weekend Prior to Election Day

Saturday - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Go to [www.nycvotes.gov](http://www.nycvotes.gov) for more information

### **Judicial Candidates**

- Judges make decision that affect our everyday lives, to uphold the constitution and protect our rights.
- Your vote helps determine who should serve as a trial judge in New York State.
- Your vote helps ensure that the justice system functions properly. It is your civic responsibility.

Be an informed voter!

Go to [www.NYcourts.gov/vote](http://www.NYcourts.gov/vote), a non-partisan website, to learn about the judicial candidates in your district.

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## LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION (S)

- ♦ Fillmore's Tavern Inc.  
166-02 65th Avenue in Flushing, *Renewal of Full Liquor License*
- ♦ Compas Group USA, Inc.  
St. Johns University  
81-80 Utopia Parkway in Jamaica, *Renewal of Full Liquor License*
- ♦ Jaosub Inc. d/b/a [Trade Name Pending]  
178-19 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows, *New Full Liquor License*
- ♦ D & G Italian Delights LLC d/b/a Mike's Pizzeria.  
61-07 Utopia Parkway in Fresh Meadows, *New 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.*

## Free Flu Vaccinations



In conjunction with Assembly Member Daniel Rosenthal  
**Thursday, November 29, 2018**  
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



### Office of Assembly Member Daniel Rosenthal

159-06 71st Avenue  
Flushing, NY 11365

Only for constituents ages 18 or older. Vaccinations are provided by certified medical professionals from NYC HHC Hospitals. You **must make an appointment** by calling his office at: **718-969-1508**. You may also call for more information or other constituent issue.

## CITY PARKING RULES

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



All Saints Day.....Thur., November 1st  
Diwali.....Tues., November 6th  
Election Day.....Tues., November 6th  
Veterans Day (*Observed*)...Mon., November 12

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

## DEMOLITION/EXCAVATION NOTICE



138-30 Queens Blvd. - Demolition  
172-35 Henley Road - Demolition (garage + house)

### **Emergency Declaration** - 86-11 Kingston Place

Extensive fire, water and smoke damage throughout premises with sections of exposure 4 missing. All doors and windows are missing, leaving structure open and unguarded.

**Remedy:** install construction fence around property.

# November 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	<b>Election Day 6</b> We're closed 	7	8	9	10
<b>11</b> 	<b>12</b> Veteran's Day Observed We're closed	13	<b>14</b> Board Meeting Hillcrest J.C. 183-02 Union Turnpike 7:30 p.m.	15	16	17
18	19	<b>20</b> Liquor License Comte. Mtg. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Ave. 7:30 p.m.	21	<b>22</b> Happy  Thanksgiving	23	24
25	26	27	<b>28</b> Public Hearing BSA 2018-164BZ For 72-71 Kissena Blvd. Hillcrest J.C. 183-02 Union Turnpike 7:30 p.m.	29	30	

*"Every election is determined by the people who show up," ~ Larry J. Sabato*