



COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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Community Board 8, Queens

Board Meeting held on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Hillcrest Jewish Center

183-02 Union Turnpike

- The Minutes of January 13, 2010 were unanimously approved.
39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained
- Parks Committee – Trees planted against homeowner's consent and without their knowledge within the community.
A letter will be sent to Councilmember Melissa Mark-Viverito, Chair of the NYCC Committee on Parks and Recreation requesting an oversight hearing.
- BSA Calendar No. 51-06 BZ – 188-02/22 Union Turnpike in Queens – Amending a prior BSA variance to permit an office, a snack bar and an elevator for ADA compliance.
38 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstained

OUR NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, April 14, 2010

A Word From the District Manager

Dear Community Board 8 Resident:

Happy Spring! It is time to take out the lawnmowers, the garden gloves and the shovels. Take pride in your home and make it the best one on the block. For the apartment dwellers, how about planting some flowers in your window box? While sprucing up your homes, I would like to remind you of a few NYC regulations.

It is important to know that lawnmowers or other noisy landscaping devices can only be used between **8 a.m. and 7 p.m.** (or sunset, whichever occurs later) on weekdays; and used between **9 a.m. and 6 p.m.** on holidays and weekends. If you hire a landscaping service, it cannot place clippings at the curb for collection. If you take care of your own lawn, you may put out the clippings for DSNY collection. You and/or your landscaper can go green and leave it on the lawn.

Did you know?

- Grass clippings are 85% water and 5% nitrogen. When left on the lawn, they return water and nutrients to the soil.
- Grass clippings can provide up to 30% of your fertilizer requirements.
- Mowing grass when it is taller gives your lawn a healthier root system. Mow grass when it is 3 to 4 inches tall.
- Watering your lawn in the early morning hours minimizes evaporation. One should avoid watering lawn at night because a lawn that remains damp at night is more prone to disease. *(excerpt from www.nyc.gov/wasteless)*

Remember, according to The Sanitation Digest of Codes §16-118(2) (a) homeowners are required to maintain their sidewalks and clean eighteen (18") inches from the curb. This would prevent debris from clogging catch basins or sewers and alleviate flooding. The Department of Sanitation may fine you \$100- \$300 for failure to do so.

If you find this information useful, please share it with your friends and neighbors.

Sincerely,

Marie Adam-Ovide

P.S. Remember to fill out and mail in your Census 2010 form!

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



LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

- **Compass Group USA, Inc., 65-30 Kissena Boulevard, Student Union, has applied for its Catering Establishment 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. Please include your address and telephone number.

DEMOLITION NOTICE



- 85-63 Chevy Chase Street (Garage)

VACATE ORDER

- **163-23 Chapin Parkway** - Roof leak is causing the ceiling on the 2nd and 3rd floor to collapse, occupancy is contrary to the Certificate of Occupancy and the basement was illegally converted.

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 for **April 2010**. Parking meters remain in effect.

April 1.....Holy Thursday

April 2.....Good Friday

April 5/6.....Passover



For more information, call the Hotline -311

Walk for APEC

Sunday, April 18, 2010

Location: APEC to Joe Michael's Mile along the Cross Island Parkway and Back to APEC.

Time: 9:00 am - Registration Begins at APEC

10:00 am - Walk Begins

10:30 am - 12:00 pm - Walk ends at APEC

Fee: \$10 per walker/Children under 6 free.

Obtain additional sponsors to further help APEC meet their financial goal.

Please Call APEC for Registration & Sponsorship forms at 718-229-4000 Ext. 0 or send an e-mail to info@alleypond.com



Help Create a Pomonok Community Cancer Awareness Quilt!

Quilters of all levels are invited to submit a cancer-themed block to the Pomonok Cancer Action Council for inclusion in a cancer awareness quilt. The quilt will be on display at the Cancer Center at the Queens Hospital Center. Beginning quilting classes are offered for free on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Queens Community House Pomonok Center, 67-09 Kissena Boulevard (across the street from Queens College). *Contact Thadine Wormly at 718-591-6060 for more information.*

*Free classes are offered once a month on a Saturday at the Pomonok Library, 158-21 Jewel Avenue. Contact Mattie Bell at (718) 591-6060 for more information. The Council will be collecting quilting blocks until **June 1, 2010**.*



**Councilman James F. Gennaro
Assemblyman Rory Lancman
and the Jamaica Hill Community Association
Invites you to a**

**Department of Environmental Protection Community Meeting
and an introduction of Newly-Appointed
Commissioner Caswell Holloway**

Tuesday, April 20, 2010

5:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

**Thomas Edison High School
165-65 84th Avenue in Jamaica**

Eating the Past: Why and How to Study Food History

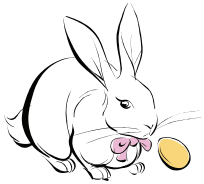
Lecturer: Dr. Megan Elias, Associate Professor of History, Queensborough College of the City University of New York (CUNY)

**Wednesday, April 14, 2010, 4 p.m.
Queensborough Community College
222-05 56 Avenue, Bayside, NY 11364
Medical Arts Building, Room 136**

- Presentation of current and planned water and sewer upgrades;
- Explanation of customer service initiatives and water rate study;
- Customer service representatives will be on hand at the meeting to answer specific questions about individual accounts.

Those who are unable to attend the meeting but would like to offer feedback can visit www.nyc.gov/dep and click on contact us.

For questions, contact Councilman Gennaro's office at



APRIL 2010

Community Board 8, Queens

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 April Fool's Day	2 Good Friday	3
				Holy Thursday		
4 	5	6 Passover ends at sundown 	7	8 Informational Hearing 7:30 p.m. Margaret Tietz Nursing & Rehab Center 164-11 Chapin Parkway Re: Removal of Out of Service	9	10
11	12	13	14 Board Meeting 7:30 PM Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Parks Committee Meeting 7:30 P.M. 197-15 Hillside Ave. Re: Willow Lake Reforestation Project	30	