



December 2009

## COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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**EXEC. SECRETARY:** Maurice Braithwaite

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### CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Helen Marshall

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Barbara McKeon, Jennifer Brosowsky, Jamise Jones

### BOARD MEMBERS BY AREA

#### Area 1 – Kew Gardens Hills

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

#### Area 2/3 – Briarwood, Hillcrest Estates, Jamaica Hills

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

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Mary Maggio Fischer – CHAIR, Carolann Foley, Martha Levine, Frank Magri, Steven Sadofsky, Stanley Weinblatt

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

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

#### Area 7 – Jamaica Estates, Holliswood

Mark Lefkof – CHAIR, Richard Amron, Howard A. Fried, Marc A. Haken, Janet Kramer, Agatha E. Michael, Jesse Rosenbaum, Harbachan Singh, Martha Taylor

### Community Board 8, Queens

Board Meeting held on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

Hillcrest Jewish Center

183-02 Union Turnpike

The minutes of October 21, 2009 were unanimously approved, 29 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

- **Guest Speaker: Ira Gluckman, Queens Commissioner, Department of Buildings**  
Commissioner Gluckman updated the Board on illegal occupancy and student housing concerns in the community. The Department of Buildings has a division in the Building Inspection Department called “Quality of Life”. It consists of 8 Field Inspectors and 2 supervisors. Their mandate is to go out in the Borough of Queens to look for illegal occupancies. He also discussed the problem with getting access warrants to homes that have possible illegal occupancies.
- **Hospital Resolution – Health and Hospitals Committee – Kevin Forrestal**  
Queens County hospitals have severe overcrowding and unacceptable long waits in Emergency Departments. The Department of Health should immediately create a task force. This task force should render an opinion on the shortages of health-care needs as of now and a projection of needs five to ten years in the future.  
*The Hospital Resolution was unanimously approved.*
- **Watershed Companion Resolution – Environmental and Sanitation Committee – Kevin Forrestal**  
Community Board 8, Queens previously passed a resolution opposing drilling in the Marcellus Shale in the New York City watershed. Community Board 8, Queens strongly supports an extension of New York State’s November 30, 2009 deadline for public comment by at least 120 days.  
*The Watershed Companion Resolution was approved: 35 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstained*

## ***A Word From the District Manager***

Dear Resident:

As the end of the year approaches, let's think about what we can do to assist the less fortunate and to help the environment.

Councilman James Gennaro started a food, coat and toy drive on December 1, 2009. His office is located at 185-10 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows. The Community Board's office will participate in this endeavor by collecting toys, coats and canned food for the less fortunate. Our office is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please donate your gently used, cleaned coats, unwrapped new toys, canned goods or dried food.

Cunningham Park will have a mulch fest on January 9 and 10, 2009. Make sure to remove all decorations including tinsel before bringing your tree to be mulched. The tree mulch will be used to nourish other trees throughout New York City. If you would like to bring some mulch home, please bring your own bag.

Here are some tips on helping the environment by reusing, recycling and reducing courtesy of the Department of Sanitation:

### **How to Reduce Waste Over the Holidays**

- **Give homemade gifts**, such as cookies, handcrafts or framed photos.
- **Give entertainment**, such as museum memberships; tickets to movies, theater, concert or sporting events; gift certificates to a favorite restaurant.
- **Give learning**, such as language or music lessons; classes in cooking, photography or other favorite hobbies.
- **Give your time or talent**, such as baby-sitting, pet-sitting, computer help or home repairs.
- **Give fitness**, such as gym memberships, personal training session or classes in yoga, pilates or dance.
- **Give pampering**, such as a facial, massage, manicure or pedicure.
- **Give to the greater good** by making a contribution to someone's favorite charity.

### **Other Ways to Cut Down on Waste this Holiday Season**

- **Use an artificial tree** instead of a real tree, and reuse it year after year.
- **Send e-mail greetings** rather than paper cards to cut down on paper waste.
- **Wrap gifts in reusable gift bags or create your own gift wrap** using maps or comics. (If you do buy gift wrap and greeting cards, make sure they are from recycled paper).
- **Use durable plastic ware** designed for reuse rather than purchasing new cups and plates for each event. Use washable, reusable sponges, dishcloths, and napkins. If you use disposable paper goods, choose products made with recycled content.

**And do not forget, others may want the stuff you no longer need.** There are many local charitable organizations interested in receiving your gently used clothing, furniture, books, and electronic goods. For more info, see <http://www.nyc.gov/html/nycwasteless/html/home/home.shtml>

Sincerely,

***Marie Adam-Ovide***

***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)***

## LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS



**FM Wings LLC, 61-09 190th Street, Fresh Meadows, NY 11365**, has applied for a change of class from a Restaurant Wine License to an On Premise Liquor License.

**Alba Pizza and Restaurant, 137-85 Queens Boulevard, Briarwood, NY**, has applied for a renewal of their Liquor License.

**L'Bella Pizzeria & Restaurant, 69-26/28 Main Street**, has applied to transfer a liquor license from the previous establishment, Angelo's Pizza and Restaurant.

**Avraham Dadon (Corp. TBA), 149-05 Union Turnpike**, has applied for a 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. Please include your address and telephone number.*

## 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 **December 2009**. Parking meters remain in effect.

December 8.....*Immaculate Conception*

December 25.....*Christmas Day*

*For more information, call the Hotline: 311*

## DEMOLITION NOTICES



- 64 -75 185th Street
- 75-64 187th street
- 83-70 Charlecote Ridge—This building or portion thereof has been declared unsafe by the Department of Buildings' Queens Commissioner Ira Gluckman on November 16, 2009. This is pursuant to Section 29-215.1 of the Administrative Code.

### Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO)



If you are planning to have a Multi-Day and/or Multi-Block street activity for 2010, the deadline to file an application is no later than December 31, 2009.

For one-day and/or one-block parties and street festivals, you must notify the Community Board **at least** 90 days in advance.

Please note: NO exceptions will be made.

City Of New York

Voter Assistance Commission

VAC Chairman Dr. Jeffrey Kraus and

VAC Executive Director Onida Coward Mayers

Invite you to a NYC charter-mandated

**ELECTION 2009**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

On Your Election Date Experiences and How to Improve Voter

Participation

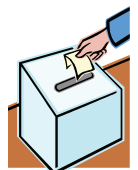
**Tuesday: December 15, 2009**

**Time: 6-7 pm (doors open at 6 pm)**

City Council Chambers, City Hall

RSVP to Bibi Yusuf at 212-788-8384 or [byusuf@cityhall.nyc.gov](mailto:byusuf@cityhall.nyc.gov)

Please limit testimony to 2 minutes and bring copies for VAC records.





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## Community Board 8, Queens

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	<b>9</b> Board Meeting 7:30 PM Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike	10	11 <i>Chanukah            begins at sun-            down</i>	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 <i>Murrahm            begins (Muslim)</i>	19
20	21 <i>Winter begins</i>	22	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	<b>25</b> <b>Christmas</b> <b>Day</b>  <b>Office Closed</b>	26 <i>Kwanzaa begins</i> 
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve 		



