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COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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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, December 9, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

Hillcrest Jewish Center

183-02 Union Turnpike

- The minutes of November 18, 2009 were unanimously approved, 35 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained
- Marc Haken spoke about the proposal to phase out Jamaica High School. The proposed plan for the school is to turn it into one 6-12 school, one 9-12 school and one "Eagle Academy" (all boys school). There will be a CB8 Youth, Education and Library Committee meeting on Monday, January 4, 2010, at the Hillside Manor (188-11 Hillside Avenue) at 7:30 p.m.

The public is welcome to attend but may not participate in the discussion.

- Martha Taylor spoke regarding college students living in illegal housing in Fresh Meadows and Jamaica Estates. They have been collecting license plate numbers of students residing in homes, where there are more students than legally acceptable living in these dwellings. St. John's University, the 107th Precinct, and the Department of Buildings are working together to stop students from residing in illegal dwellings.
- Ian Hegarty from the Department of City Planning spoke on the proposed city-wide text amendment to preserve and enhance the streetscape character of residential neighborhoods.

OUR NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2010

A Word From the District Manager

Dear Community Board 8 Resident:

Now that New Year's Day is here, it is the perfect occasion to remind everyone that 2010 is the Year of the Census.

What is the census? The census is when the government counts everyone residing in the United States; this includes people of all races and ethnic groups, U.S citizens, U.S. Resident Aliens, people with student visas, the homeless and Non-Documented Residents. The United States Constitution requires that a national census be conducted every ten years. The data collected from this count determines how many U.S. House of Representatives members are allotted to each state, and how much money is allocated to each community within the state for public services—including education, healthcare and senior services. It is very important that **every** person is counted.

Getting an accurate count means that our communities will receive a fair share of Federal funds. It also means that New York State will have more clout to fight for legislation that benefit us. In addition, this data is used as a guide to build new roads, hospitals, childcare centers, senior citizen centers and schools. Businesses use it to site stores and create new housing.

Census questionnaires will be delivered by mail in March of 2010. Census Day is April 1, 2010—and it is no April fools. There are only ten questions to answer. All the answers must reflect your household composition for that day—April 1, 2010. By Law, this information **may not** be released nor shared with any other government agency such as: police, IRS, or immigration.

How can you help in the count? Make sure that you fill out and return the questionnaire. **SPREAD THE NEWS!** Ask others to spread the news. We all benefit from an accurate count. It's in your hands!

(This information has been provided by the United States Department of Commerce—U.S. Census Bureau).

Happy New Year!

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

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS



Tokyo Steak, 184-16 Horace Harding Expressway, Fresh Meadows, NY 11365, has applied for a renewal of its Wine and Beer License.

Cheap Shots NYC, LLC, 149-05 Union Turnpike, Flushing, NY 11367, has applied for its Liquor, Wine and Beer License.

Sly Fox Inn, 177-23 Union Turnpike, Flushing, NY 11366, has applied for the renewal of its Liquor, Wine and Beer License.

Our Liquor, Inc., 185-02 Horace Harding expressway, Fresh Meadows, NY 11365, has applied for its Liquor, Wine and Beer License.

PJ's Dance Charisma, Inc., 71-46 Main Street, Flushing, NY 11367, has applied for the renewal of its Liquor 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 **January 2010**. Parking meters remain in effect.

January 1*New Year's Day*

January 18.....*Martin Luther King, Jr. 's Birthday*



MulchFest 2010

TREECYCLE!

On **Saturday, January 9, 2010** and **Sunday, January 10, 2010** from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, the Department of Parks and Recreation will host its



annual Mulchfest. Go to Cunningham Park's visitor parking lot (Union Turnpike and 196th Street) and bring your Christmas Tree to be recycled into mulch. You can nourish plantings across the city or in your own garden. Just remember to remove all lights and decorations before bringing the tree to a MulchFest site.

For more information about MulchFest, visit www.nyc.gov/parks/mulchfest

P.S. Bring your own bag if you want to bring some mulch home.

York College Community Commemorative Quilt Committee

(YCCCQC)

Proudly Presents

The 11th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. & Black History Month Art, Memorabilia, Poetry and Quilt Exhibition and Celebration

Sunday, January 10, 2010

1:30 p.m.—Quilt and Art Exhibition Opening Reception

3:00 p.m.— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

Outstanding Program of Music, Dance and Visual Presentations

Master of Ceremonies—John Watusi Branch, Executive Director, The Afrikan Poetry Theatre, Inc.

\$5 General Admission for Adults

York College Performing Arts Center

94-45 Guy R. Brewer Boulevard

Jamaica, NY 11451

EXHIBITION CLOSSES SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2010



January 2010

Community Board 8, Queens

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Year's Day Office Closed 	2
3	4 Youth, Education and Library Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. 188-11 Hillside Avenue Re: Reorganization of Jamaica High School	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Transportation Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. CB8 Office 197-15 Hillside Avenue	12	13 Board Meeting 7:30 PM Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike	14	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King's Birthday Office Closed 	19	20	21	22	23
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