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COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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3rd VICE CHAIR: Seymour Schwartz

EXEC. SECRETARY: Maurice Braithwaite

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BUDGET DIRECTOR: Maurice Braithwaite

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Honorable James F. Gennaro

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Honorable Helen Marshall

STAFF

Barbara McKeon, Jennifer Brosowsky and 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

Bernard Diamond – CHAIR, Dilafroz Ahmed, Carolyn Baker-Brown, Allen Eisenstein, Kevin Forrestal, Frances Peterson, Charlton Rhee, Samuel Rodriguez, Anna Sawchuk, Seymour Schwartz, Albert Willingham

Area 4 – Flushing Heights, Flushing Suburban, Hillcrest

Jagir Singh Bains, Maurice Braithwaite, Kenneth Cohen II, Steven Konigsberg, Annie Salvatore, Alvin Warshaviak

Area 5 – Georgetown Mews, Pomonok, Electchester, Flushing

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

Area 6 – Utopia, Fresh Meadows, West Cunningham Park

Maria DeInnocentiis – CHAIR, James Gallagher, Jr., Stephen E. Geitheim, Robert Harris, Tami Hirsch, Tamara Osharov, Robert Van Pelt

Area 7 – Jamaica Estates, Holliswood

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

Community Board 8Q's Monthly Meeting held on Wednesday, May 12, 2010 7:30 p.m.
Hillcrest Jewish Center, 183-02 Union Turnpike

The Minutes of April 14, 2010 were unanimously approved. 29 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

Elections, Mark J. Lefkof

The following people were elected: Chairman - Alvin Warshaviak, 1st Vice Chair – Stanley Weinblatt, 2nd Vice Chair– Martha Taylor, 3rd Vice Chair– Seymour Schwartz, Executive Secretary – Maurice Braithwaite and Treasurer – Robert Van Pelt.

Zoning Committee Report— BSA Cal. No. 35-10 BZ

The hearing on this matter has been put on next month's agenda. This would allow the applicant more time to prepare a complete response to the Committee's concerns and provide the various materials requested.

Resolution – New York City's Budget Spending Priorities

Community Board 8 unanimously passed the resolution to call upon Mayor Bloomberg, Council Speaker Christine Quinn and the members of the City Council to begin to defend and restore the accumulated years-long, across-the-board cuts in services and social programs, and further urge the improvement and expansion of all services for our communities, particularly in the face of rising population growth. The resolution also calls for effective building code enforcement; improved bus and subway service; expanded health, hospital and social services; educational and library services; youth and senior programs; and the enhancement of our public spaces, streets and highways.

Update on Gateway to Health Sciences High School

Community Board 8 sent a letter to DOE regarding Gateway to Health Sciences High School. The letter was against the DOE proposal to change the school to a 6th thru 12th grade school. Since then, there has been a decision to delay introducing the addition of the 6th Grade until September 2011. Parents, the leadership council and even the principal objected to adding the 6th grade.

Update on Jamaica High School

DOE did not follow the law in regards to Jamaica High School. DOE is taking steps to make sure no one goes to this school.

If you are going to coexist with another school, you need to have an educational impact statement and a public hearing 45 days before.

They will keep the school (Jamaica High School) in the building but will continue to bring in the planned schools into the building. That is a major change and they have not had a public forum. Mr. Forrestal requested the acclimation of the Community Board to send a letter to the appropriate persons protesting this outrageous behavior; call for the DOE to cease and desist this activity; and to call on others to take action. It was a unanimous vote to send a letter of opposition.

OUR NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2010

Dear Community Board 8 Resident:

Have you been wondering... How did the Community Board 8 area fare with the 2010 Census? What is the Mobile MetroCard bus? Why will there be a letter posted on the windows of restaurants? If so, here are the answers...

I am pleased to announce that the Community Board 8 Queens area had a better response rate so far for the 2010 Census than it did in 2000. The neighborhoods of Fresh Meadows and Utopia Estates ranked fifth in responding to the Census in Queens at 69.1%. The neighborhoods of Holliswood and Jamaica Estates ranked sixth in the most improved response rate in Queens. Their response rate went up by 19.8%. The residents and civic associations are to be commended for their efforts.

The Community Board 8 office held a Reduced-Fare MetroCard event on *Tuesday, May 25, 2010* from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. It was well attended. Senior citizens and people with disabilities were able to apply for and refill their Reduced-Fare MetroCards. If it is too far to walk to the subway, maybe you can walk to the Mobile MetroCard Bus. A mobile bus will be stationed at the following locations within Community Board 8:

- **Fresh Meadows Shopping Center** (Horace Harding Expressway/188th Street)- the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month from 12:00 to 2:30 p.m.
- **Franhill Shopping Center** (Francis Lewis Boulevard/Hillside Avenue) - the 4th Wednesdays of the month from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

For a copy of the complete schedule for all five boroughs, please contact our office at 718-264-7895.

As you might have heard, the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOH&MH) will have a new Restaurant Grading (ABCF) system. This will require certain types of food establishments to prominently post letter grades that correspond to their sanitary inspection scores starting in July 2010. In the month of June, DOH&MH will be holding **free** technical workshops for restaurant owners and operators in all five boroughs. This would facilitate compliance with the new regulations. The dates and locations in Queens are as follows:

- June 16th (2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.) at the Flushing Mall—133-31 39th Avenue in Flushing
- June 22nd (2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.) at Elmhurst Hospital, Rm. A1-22—79-01 Broadway in Elmhurst

For the locations in all 5 boroughs or to register go to www.nyc.gov/health/restaurants. If you do not have internet access, please call 311.

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

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

- **Tuang Tong Restaurant, 178-19 Union Turnpike**, has applied for its on premise Wine and Beer License.
- **Tienda Vieja Restaurant, 65-62/64 Fresh Meadow Lane** has applied for its Wine and Beer License.
- **Taste of Asia, 154-05 Union Turnpike**, has applied for the renewal of its Wine and Beer License.
- **GID Bagel, 185-24A Horace Harding Expressway**, has applied for its 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.

DEMOLITION NOTICE

- 147-27 84th Drive (partial)
- 71-16 165th Street (garage)



Emergency Conditions

- **198-07 Hillside Avenue** - Wood frame garage at the rear of the property has sustained a partial collapse.
Remedy - Demolish structure and remove debris
- **81-05 135th Street** - Abandoned excavation site with missing and deteriorated shoring and fence at perimeter of the site.
Remedy - Remove all debris, backfill site to grade and provide chain link fence around property.

CITY PARKING RULES

The City suspends alternate side parking regulations, for both street cleaning purposes and traffic flow, on legal and/or religious holidays. There will be no alternate side parking suspensions for **June 2010**.

For more information, call the Hotline –311



Relay for Life in Cunningham Park

Saturday, June 5, 2010 and Sunday, June 6, 2010



Along 73rd Avenue between the Clearview Expressway and Francis Lewis Boulevard next to the Comfort Station.

The setup will start at 3:00 p.m. on June 5, 2010. The ceremonies will start at 5:00 p.m.; the survivors walk will start at 6 p.m. and the luminaries will be lit at 10 p.m.

Teams of 15 may be formed.

Students will go home and the adults may stay all night long with music, games and food donated by various establishments who care about cancer.

For information, contact your Civic Association, ACS at 718-263-2225 x5511 or send an email to Taliah.Duchatelier@cancer.org.

INTRODUCING SCSEP TITLE-V SENIOR COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Sponsored by the New York City Department for the Aging

This is a program to serve the adult-senior population in our city. Trainees enrolled in the program receive a wage/stipend of **\$7.25 an hour for 20 hours a week** while involved in job search activities and training with community assignments which can take place with other partner organizations citywide.

You must be:

- 55 years old or older
- Unemployed
- Resident of New York City
- Low income.
- Interested in full-time or part-time employment.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 311—
ASK FOR SENIOR EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

The Holy Family Church will have its
2nd Annual Italian Feast Carnival
from June 16th to June 20th



All activities will be taken place in the church's parking lot (75th Avenue and Utopia Parkway). For more information, please contact the rectory at 718-969-2448.

The Jamaica Muslim Center invites you to:

Muslim-Jewish Health Fair

jointly organized with the Congress of Bukharian Jews and the Foundation for Ethnic Understanding.

Place: Jamaica Muslim Center

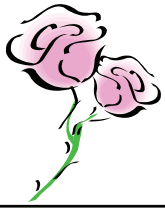
85-37 168th Street
Jamaica, NY 11432

Date: June 6, 2010

Time: 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

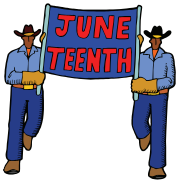

Free screenings. No insurance required. Everyone is welcome!





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Community Board 8, Queens

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Board Meeting 7:30 PM Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike	10	11	12
13	14	15 	16	17	18	19
20 Father's Day 	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Public Hearing 7:30 PM Community Board 8 Office 197-15 Hillside Avenue New Budget Items	29	30			
30	31					