



COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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

Items discussed at the February 11th Meeting:

- The minutes of January 14, 2008 Meeting were unanimously approved. 31 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.
- **Resolutions - Caritas - Health & Hospital Committee**
 - * The New York State Department of Health must insure that quality medical care is provided to the citizens of the catchment areas served by Mary Immaculate Hospital and St. John's Hospital. Care must be physically accessible in a reasonable time.
 - * The New York State Department of Health must not approve a closure plan for Caritas until: alternative replacement services are in place; a seamless plan that ensures continuity of care is in place; input from elected officials and community leaders are obtained; and the plan is widely shared and advertised to the communities to be affected.

Unanimously approved. 34 - in favor, 0 - opposed, 0 - abstained.
- **Resolution - Health Care Crisis in Queens**
 - * The resolution asked that Health and Hospitals Corporation take all necessary steps to reclaim the "T" Building belonging to the Queens Hospital Center for present and future beds and hospital needs.
 - * That Health and Hospitals Corporation meet with all necessary state and city officials and agencies, to plan and apply for all necessary modifications and approvals.

Unanimously approved. 34 - in favor, 0 - opposed, 0 - abstained.
- **Resolution in opposition to the proposed cuts to the Q30 & Q31 Bus Lines**
Unanimously approved. 34 - in favor, 0 - opposed, 0 - abstained.
- **Capital & Expense Budget - Response to the Mayor's Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2010**
It was unanimously agreed that a letter addressed to Mayor Michael Bloomberg will be sent expressing our concerns.

A Word from the District Manager ...

Dear Community Board 8 Resident:

Finally, winter is winding down and spring will be upon us soon. Here is some information that I thought might be of interest to you.

I am pleased to announce that the U.S. Department of Treasury is urging those who receive Federal benefits to switch from a paper check to electronic payments. In doing so, senior citizens, people with disabilities and others would be able to safeguard their payments from financial crime.

In 2008, more than 70,000 Treasury-issued checks—totaling an estimated \$64 million—were fraudulently endorsed. Receiving electronic payments eliminate the risk of stolen checks and help protect the recipient from identity theft. Most importantly, your money is accessible on the day of the payment. If you would like to sign up, please contact Go Direct toll free at 800-333-1795, visit www.godirect.com or visit your local bank.

I would also like to remind you that under Local Law No. 31 of 2007, the placement of publicly accessible collection bins on New York City property or property maintained by New York City, or any public sidewalk is prohibited. The Community Board's office has forms available to request removal of these bins. Please contact us at 718-264-7895.

If you have a new neighbor, or know someone who would like to be on our mailing or e-mailing list to receive our Newsletter please contact us.

Don't forget to change your clock on Sunday, March 8, 2009!

Sincerely,

Marie Adam-Ovide

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS



- **Kew Motor Inn**, 139-01 Grand Central Parkway, Kew Gardens, NY 11435 has applied for a renewal of liquor license.
- **M. Haley, Inc. d/b/a Rocco's**, 77-43 Vleigh Place, Flushing, NY 11367 has applied for a renewal of liquor license.
- **Deli Masters**, 184-02 Horace Harding Expressway, Fresh Meadows, NY 11365 has applied for a renewal of on-premises liquor license.
- **Gino's of Kissena**, 65-01 Kissena Blvd, Flushing, NY 11367 has applied for a renewal of wine and beer license.
- **Fame Restaurant**, 176-19 Union Turnpike, Flushing, NY 11366 has applied for a renewal of liquor license.
- **Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar**, 61-48 188 Street, Fresh Meadows, NY 11365 has applied for a renewal of liquor license.
- **Our Liquor, Inc.**, 185-02 Horace Harding Expressway, Fresh Meadows, NY 11365 has applied for a store Retail license.
- **Dante Restaurant**, 168-12 Union Turnpike, Flushing, NY 11366 has applied for a renewal of liquor license.

Any comments/complaints about establishments with liquor licenses should be sent in writing to Community Board 8. Unless written notification is received at our office, we cannot follow up.

Emergency Declaration has been issued on February 13, 2009 by the Queens Borough Commissioner of the Department of Buildings, Ira Gluckman, to the owner of the property located at 137-48 75th Road. The property owner is ordered to demolish partially constructed building, remove debris 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 the legal and religious holidays for **March 2009**. Parking meters remain in effect.

Purim Tuesday, March 10th

For more information, call the Hotline: 311

QUEENS COLLEGE

65-30 Kissena Blvd., Flushing, NY, 11367, (718) 793-8080

The Incredible Acrobats of China/ Saturday, March 7, 2009, Colden Auditorium, 3 pm. All seats \$14.

The Incredible Acrobats of China are renowned for thrilling feats of circus art that amaze and delight audiences everywhere the troupe performs. This new production features the astonishing artists of the New Shanghai Circus, including aerial entertainers, contortionists, jugglers, hoop divers, and much, much more.

Just Jazz/ Jon Regen Trio. Saturday, March 14, 2009, LeFrak Concert Hall, 8 pm. \$22; \$20 seniors, students, QC alumni, and staff.

Jon Regen's 2008 breakout recording **Let It Go** effortlessly combines his pianistic prowess with his unmistakable voice as a singer and songwriter. Don't miss Regen, one of the best young jazz pianist in the world.

U.S. POSTAL MAIL PROCESSING STUDY



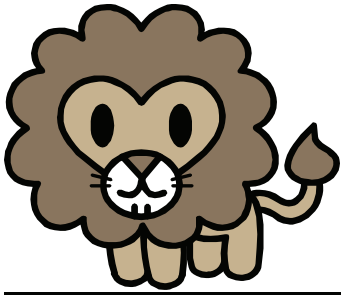
United States Postal Service intends to conduct two concurrent Area Mail Processing (AMP) studies.

One study will be of mail processing operations at the Queens and Staten Island Processing and Distribution Facilities for possible consolidation of some operations into the Brooklyn Processing and Distribution Center. The other study will be at the Brooklyn and Staten Island Processing and Distribution Facilities for possible consolidation of some operations into the Queens Processing and Distribution Center.

An AMP study involves a review of mail processing and transportation operations of a postal facility. The reason for the study is to review mail volume and determine capacity needs in order to increase efficiency and improve productivity.

US Postal Service is asking the public's input as part of the process by submitting comments to : Consumer Affairs Manager, USPS - Triboro District, 1050 Forbell Street (Room 2015O), Brooklyn, NY 11256-9631.

If the study supports the business case for changing mail processing operations, USPS will hold a public meeting to allow members of the community to ask questions and to provide feedback and it will be considered in the final proposal.



March 2009

Community Board 8, Queens



March in Like a Lion and Out like a Lamb

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2	3	4	5 Public Hearing Re; Dominican Diner Restaurant Corp. 7 p.m. Hillside Manor (188-11 Hillside Avenue)	6	7
8 Daylight Savings Time starts 	9	10 Purim 	11 Monthly CB8 Meeting 7:30 p.m. 183-02 Union Turnpike	12	13	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18	19	20 First Day of Spring 	21
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