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COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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Area 1 – Kew Gardens Hills

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Area 6 – Utopia, Fresh Meadows, West Cunningham Park

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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

Due to inclement weather our February 10, 2010 scheduled Board Meeting was cancelled.

Public Hearing: **FY 2011 Preliminary Budget/Capital and Expense Budget Submissions**

Date: Monday, February 22, 2010

Purpose: The City Charter mandates community boards to hold public hearings for comments on the responses agencies provided to the boards FY 2011 Preliminary Budget/Capital and Expense Budget priorities.

Many of the responses by the agencies were unacceptable, particularly with the first two DEP Capital Budget requests. The agency responses to some very serious problems are: "Further study is needed before making a funding decision. Please contact the agency." Year after year, Community Board 8 receives this same response. Something as important as people being flooded out of their house and the fact that there hasn't been a feasibility study of what is required by the City of New York is a concern. Had we had the scope of putting in sewers that would take care of the flooding problems along Utopia Parkway and other locations in the district, we could have received stimulus funding from the Federal Government to do these necessary projects.

Community Board 8 will reach out to our elected officials advising them of these concerns and will ask them to pursue this aggressively.

OUR NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2010

A Word From the District Manager

Dear Community Board 8 Resident:

What's happening this month? The Census is coming! The application for the Universal Pre-Kindergarten program is available. Our yearly Chometz Burning Stations and special Passover garbage collection are back by popular demand. Information that everyone should know about snow and ice removal regulations in New York City.

This month you will receive the 2010 Census questionnaire. The good news is this questionnaire is one of the shortest in history—just 10 questions. It takes only about 10 minutes to complete. **Take 10!** Complete the questionnaire and mail it back between March 15, 2010 and April 15, 2010. That's ten minutes to receive your fair share of Federal Funding for all the programs in your community.

If your child will have his/her 4th birthday by December 31, 2010 and resides in New York City, apply for the free Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program. The applications are available starting on March 1, 2010. They can be found at Borough enrollment offices and online at: www.nyc.gov/schools/PreK. The application deadline is Friday, April 9, 2010 (see enclosed flyer). Studies show that students who attend Pre-Kindergarten programs fare better in school than those who did not.

We are pleased to announce that Community Board 8 has once again arranged a special service for the Jewish residents of our district, within the neighborhoods of Hillcrest, Utopia Estates, Jamaica Estates, Holliswood and Kew Gardens Hills. There will be a special pre-Passover curbside pick up on March 29th between midnight and 10:30 a.m. Chometz burning stations will be provided at the following locations, in addition to sanitation bins for rubbish collection, to create a safe environment (**6:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**):

- Across from the Torah Center in Hillcrest located at 171-05 Jewel/Harry Van Arsdale Avenue
- In front of the Young Israel of Kew Gardens Hills located at 70-11 150th Street
- In front of Young Israel of Jamaica Estates located at 83-10 188th Street
- In front of Young Israel of Queens Valley located at 141-55 77th Avenue, near the parking lot

This was made possible with the collaboration of the Mayor's office, the Department of Sanitation, the Fire Department and the Police Department. We wish to thank them for their continued cooperation.

Spring begins in a few weeks; however, we are still getting snow storms. *Do you know the sidewalk cleaning regulations regarding snow and ice?* Snow and/or ice must be removed within four (4) hours after the snow stopped falling, or by 11 a.m. if the snow stopped falling after 9:00 p.m. the previous evening. Snow may **NOT** be thrown in the street. If the snow or ice becomes frozen so hard that it cannot be removed, the sidewalk may be strewn with ashes, sand, sawdust or suitable material within the same time limits. The sidewalk must be thoroughly cleaned as the weather permits. The fines are \$100-\$150 the first offense, \$150-\$350 for the second offense and \$250-\$350 for the third or subsequent offenses. This information is according to the Department of Sanitation's Digest of Codes §16-123. Please contact the Community Board's office to report dangerous sidewalks and/or 311. **The Fire Department encourages residents to remove snow from fire hydrants. This may save a life in case there is a fire. That life may be your own.**

I hope you find this information helpful. 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

- **Briarwood Café, 138-49 Queens Boulevard**, has applied for its Wine and Beer License.
- **Peking House, 185-23 Union Turnpike**, has applied for the renewal of its 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.

DEMOLITION NOTICE



- 75-64 187 Street
- 82-46 166 Street—HPD contracted demo. 2/25/2010 by order of the Queens DOB Commissioner
- 182-63 80 Road—garage only

ORDER TO REPAIR/VACATE ORDER

- 86-47 164 Street

IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY DECLARATION

- **81-05 135 Street**— Ira Gluckman, R.A. and Queens Borough Commissioner of the Department of Buildings, declared an immediate emergency condition pursuant to section 28-215.1 of the Administrative Code. Inspector Brusci inspected this location on 2/18/2010 and found an abandoned excavation site.

Remedy—Erect a construction fence to provide a solid 8’ fence at the entire perimeter.

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 **March 2010**. Parking meters remain in effect.

March 30-31.....Passover

For more information, call the Hotline –311



**The Continuing Care Leadership Coalition and
The Healthcare Education Project present:
A Queens Community Forum**

To discuss the impact of Governor Paterson’s Executive Budget Proposal and Regional Pricing

Thursday, March 4, 2010

7:30 p.m.– 9:00 p.m.

St. Mary’s Nativity Church (46-02 Parsons Boulevard) - entrance on the corner of Jasmine Ave. & Parsons Blvd.)

NYCEDC

The New York City Economic Development Corp., in partnership with the Mayor’s Office and the Department of Sanitation, is proud to offer you free graffiti removal services through the **Graffiti Free NYC program**.

It uses state of the art cleaning trucks to remove over 10 million square feet of graffiti throughout the city each year. These services are completely free. To access **Graffiti Free NYC**, constituents can report graffiti to 311 or to www.nycedc.com/graffiti.

Please contact our Government and Community Relations office at 212-312-3519 if you would like more information or if you would like to arrange a cleanup of graffiti in your neighborhood.



Citizens Committee for New York City

New Yorkers for Better Neighborhoods Grant Application

Spring Deadline: March 14, 2010

Fall Deadline: September 30, 2010



Have a great idea for a community improvement project? Apply for a New Yorkers for Better Neighborhoods Award! Citizens Committee for New York City awards **grants of \$500 to \$3,000 to volunteer-led groups** to work on projects that bring neighbors together and that have a positive impact on the community.

In addition to small grants, we offer one-on-one project planning assistance, skills-building workshops, and a resource center with access to computer stations, conference space and an equipment loan library.

For a grant application and for more info, call/email Arif Ullah or Saleen Shah at 212.989.0909/grants@citizensnyc.org



Rock Your Life! Rock and Doo Wop benefit concert on Saturday, March 20, 2010

at Queens College Kupferberg Center at 8 p.m.

Featuring legends like Lou Christie, The Teenagers, The Del Vikings and The Cleveland Still & The Dubs.

Sponsored by Self Chec, a non-profit organization with the message of prevention & early detection of often treatable, preventable and curable diseases like cancer, heart disease, diabetes and obesity.

For more information and to buy tickets call Gary at 718-423-8394 or visit www.selfchec.org/rockyourlife.





March 10, 2010 Community Board 8, Queens

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Board Meeting 7:30 PM Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike	11	12	13
14 Daylight Savings Time begins! 	15	16	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day! 	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Passover begins at sundown 	30	31			

