



COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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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

Items discussed at the April 22nd Meeting:

- The minutes of the March 11th Meeting were unanimously approved.
33 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.
- The Board welcomed a new Board Member - Steven Sadofsky.
- Nomination for Chair, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Vice Chairs, Treasurer and Executive Secretary:

Chair	-	Alvin Warshaviak
1st Vice Chair	-	Stanley Weinblatt
2nd Vice Chair	-	Martha Taylor
3rd Vice Chair	-	Seymour Schwartz
Treasurer	-	Robert Van Pelt
Exec. Secretary	-	Maurice Braithwaite
- Committee Report: Meadow Park Rehabilitation and Health Care Center—BSA 24-09 BZ, three-story addition to existing healthcare facility in an R3-2 zoning designation.
22 - in favor, 13 - opposed, 0 - abstained.
- Resolution - Prohibit drilling for natural gas near the watershed of NYC.
34 - in favor, 1 - opposed, 0 - abstained.
- Resolution - Protect NYC watershed and hold down NYC water rates.
34 - in favor, 0 - opposed, 1 - abstained for cause.

A Word from the District Manager ...

Dear Community Board 8 Resident:

We have gathered some important information that may affect you and your neighbors.

Many of you are probably concerned about the recent cases of the **swine flu** that were found among students at St. Francis Preparatory High School in our district. According to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, here are the best ways to avoid getting or spreading swine influenza:

- ***Encourage all people to cover their mouth and nose when they cough or sneeze.***
- ***Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze.***
- ***Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.***
- ***Try to avoid close contact with sick people.***
- ***If you get sick, limit contact with others to avoid infecting them.***

Swine flu symptoms are similar to the symptoms of regular human flu and include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, lethargy, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people have reported diarrhea and vomiting associated with swine flu. Swine flu is treatable. At this time, there is no vaccine for swine flu. The seasonal influenza vaccine does not provide protection against swine flu. This makes the above precautions all the more important. For more information, go to www.nyc.gov.

The five-year New York State Cease and Desist Program for Queens homeowners is due to expire this summer. It is the program that maintains a list of Queens homeowners. Real estate brokers are required to respect the privacy of these homeowners. If they contact the homeowners on this list they are subject to fines and suspension of their license by the Secretary of State. Assembly Member Audrey Pheffer, State Senator Joseph Addabbo and the Secretary of State Lorraine Cortes-Vazquez will be hosting a public hearing to gather information for the purpose of continuing this program for another five years. This hearing is scheduled for **Thursday, May 28, 2009 (7 p.m. - 9 p.m.)** at P.S. 63 Q located at 90-15 Sutter Avenue in Ozone Park.

Please be advised that there will be a service diversion that will affect late night **E** subway line service between Kew Gardens Hills and Jamaica Center during the month of May. This late night service diversion is being done to facilitate modernization of ventilation equipment. A **free** bus service will operate between Union Turnpike-Kew Gardens and Jamaica Center-Parsons/Archer stations.

We have been notified by Ken Bonamo, Principal of Townsend Harris High School that the main entrance of the school will be changed. For the next six weeks, starting on **Monday, May 4, 2009**, the 149th Street entrance will be used instead of the Melbourne Avenue entrance. This is being done to improve safety.

Please share this information 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



- **Sambian Inc.**, 68-34-36 Main Street, Flushing, NY 11367 has applied for a renewal application for a Liquor, Wine and Beer License.
- **175 Singh Brothers, Inc.**, 79-08-10 Parsons Blvd., Flushing, NY 11366 has applied for a Liquor, Wine and Beer License.
- **Taste of Asia Inc.**, 154-05 Union Turnpike, Flushing, NY 11367 has applied for a renewal of Wine & Beer 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.

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 **May 2009**. Parking meters remain in effect.

Solemnity of the Ascension May 21st, Thur
Memorial Day May 25th, Mon
Shavuot (2 Days) May 29th-30th, Fri-Sat

For more information, call the Hotline: 311

DEMOLITION NOTICES

- 168-05 65 Avenue
- 75-64 187 Street



QUEENS VETERANS INFORMATION DAY

Vietnam Veterans of America, Queens Chapter #32, Inc. will be hosting its annual Veterans Information Day (VID) on **Saturday, May 16, 2009** at Lost Battalion Hall, 93-29 Queens Blvd., Rego Park, NY, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Veterans who want information about current VA benefits should attend. VID is a casual walk-in event and is open to veterans of all eras. Health care information, document retrieval, FREE assistance with filing Department of Veterans Affairs compensation and pension claims, job opportunities and much more! Veteran service providers, employers, and other agencies will be in attendance. It is especially informative to spouses and eligible dependents of veterans. Bring a copy of your DD-214 (if available) & current resume.

For additional information please call Pat Toro at (718) 830-0037 - Headquarters or Pete Garon at (718) 897-8387 (VETS) - Service Office.



2nd ANNUAL SHRED FEST

NYC's Department of Consumer Affairs in partnership with the Departments of Sanitation, Parks, and Office of the Criminal Justice Coordinator announces the City's 2nd Annual Shred Fest. It will be held from at locations throughout the City (in Queens - Doughboy Plaza, 52nd Street & Woodside Avenue; Flushing Meadows Corona Park, Parking Lot at 111 Street & 54 Avenue) **Sunday, May 3, 2009 (10 a.m. - 4 p.m.)**. It's your identity and you should protect it. Shred your personal papers for FREE. You can bring any documents containing your personal information, such as bank account, social security number, credit card applications, pay stubs and/or bank statements.

ITALIAN CARNIVAL

Holy Family Church (75th Avenue & Utopia Parkway) will have an old fashion "Italian Carnival" for 5 consecutive nights from **Wednesday, May 27, 2009 to Sunday, May 31, 2009**. The carnival will include food vendors and kiddie rides. The carnival will set up in the parking lot on Monday morning (*Memorial Day - May 25*).

IT'S MY PARK DAY

Get involved in volunteer projects and events in parks throughout the five boroughs! Join Flushing Meadows Corona Park from **9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 16, 2009**. For information, call 718-760-6561/6562 or 311, or visit www.ItsMyPark.org to volunteer in a park near you.

LIFT (Legal Information for Families Today)

The Family Legal Center offers **free** legal information and social work services to parents and grandparents involved in child support, custody, and visitation cases in the New York City Family Courts:

- Legal Information
- Know your rights workshops
- Help with court documents
- Individual, family, and group counseling
- Mediation
- Family budgeting and financial education

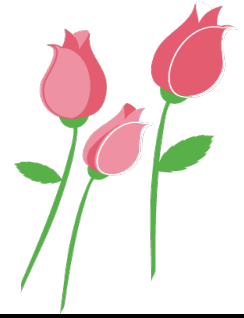


There are 2 workshops scheduled for the month of May: 1) Relatives as Parents in Family Court will be held on **May 6, 2009** at 5:30 p.m. 2) Custody and Visitation will be held on **May 27, 2009** at 5:30 p.m.

All services are offered in Spanish and English at LIFT's central offices at 350 Broadway, Room 400 in Manhattan. For more information call 646-613-9633 ext. 208 or email at workshop@LIFTonline.org
LIFT does not have an income cut off and requires only that the participants are over 21 and do not have a lawyer.

May 2009

Community Board 8, Queens



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 Public Hearing Re: Brendan's Service Station (76-36 164 St.), at the Beacon 168 - Parsons JHS, 7:30 p.m. at 158-40 76 Rd.	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Public Hearing Re: Unenclosed sidewalk café renewal consent, Cinque Fratelli, Inc. (178-01 Union Turnpike), 7:30 p.m. at 197-15 Hillside Ave.	13 Monthly CB8 Meeting 7:30 p.m. 183-02 Union Turnpike	14	15	16
17	18	19 Transportation Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. 197-15 Hillside Ave.	20	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day Office Closed 	26	27	28	29	30
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