



February 2010

## COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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**DISTRICT MANAGER:** Marie Adam-Ovide

**1st VICE CHAIR:** Stanley Weinblatt

**2nd VICE CHAIR:** Martha Taylor

**3rd VICE CHAIR:** Seymour Schwartz

**EXEC. SECRETARY:** Maurice Braithwaite

**TREASURER:** Robert Van Pelt

**BUDGET DIRECTOR:** Maurice Briathwaite

### CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mark S. Weprin

James F. Gennaro

### BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Helen Marshall

### STAFF

Barbara McKeon, Jennifer Brosowsky, 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, 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, Martha Levine, Frank Magri, Steven Sadofsky, Stanley Weinblatt

#### 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, January 13, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Hillcrest Jewish Center

183-02 Union Turnpike

The minutes of December 9, 2009 were unanimously approved:

30 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

### **Committee Reports :**

#### **Youth, Education and Library Committee**

##### • Queens Borough Public Libraries

A resolution was presented to stop the loss of sixth day service in the 14 branches in the Queens Borough Public Libraries. A vote was taken to approve the resolution.

33 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

##### • Jamaica High School Closure

A resolution was presented at the January 6, 2010 Executive Board meeting and it was turned down. The resolution will be revised by four (4) members of the committee and will be presented to Chairman Alvin Warshaviak. A vote was taken to give Chairman Warshaviak the power to approve the rewrite.

33 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

#### **Transportation Committee**

• A resolution was presented to save public transportation. The MTA wants to cut services in our district and Access-A-Ride. A vote was taken to approve the resolution.

27 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

**OUR NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2010**

## ***A Word From the District Manager***

Dear Community Board 8 Resident:

This month, I want to address three issues that affect Community Board 8. First, boarders/students are illegally occupying single-family units. Second, the Board of Elections will have a special election that affects the northern part of the Community District 8. Third, New York State regulations regarding employees' right to leave time to vote.

Councilman James Gennaro held an interagency meeting regarding the issue of illegal occupancy by students in one-family dwellings. There have been some confusion and misinformation about how many unrelated individuals can reside in a *single-family unit*. The Department of Buildings stated that if the owners live in the house, they are allowed up to two (2) boarders. If the owners do not live in the house they are allowed up to three (3) boarders. Related means either blood relation, adoptive or relation by marriage. There cannot be any key-locking devices or deadbolts on the bedroom doors, a refrigerator or hotplate in the bedrooms. These changes constitute a single room occupancy (SRO), which is an illegal conversion in New York City.

On Tuesday, February 9, 2010 there will be a special election to fill the 24th NYS Assembly District seat vacated by former Assemblyman Mark Weprin. The NYS 24th Assembly District is bordered by Northern Boulevard (south side) to Hillside Avenue (north side) and from the City line to Utopia Parkway (east side). If you are a United States citizen who resides within these boundaries, please exercise your civic duty and vote. If you have not yet registered to vote, the last day to register in person is January 29, 2010 to participate in this special

election. The last day to postmark the absentee ballot application by mail is February 2, 2010. The last day to postmark an absentee ballot or apply in person at the Board of Elections is February 8, 2010. Last day for the Board of Elections to receive absentee ballots by mail is February 16, 2010. For more information go to: [www.vote.nyc.ny.us](http://www.vote.nyc.ny.us) or call 866- VOTENYC.

Did you know that under the **N.Y. Election Law Sections 3-110 and 17-118** you are allowed to take up to two paid hours from work to exercise that right? New York State law mandates that employers give paid leave to their employees for voting if:

- An employee does not have at least four (4) consecutive hours in which to vote between the opening of the polls and the beginning of his/her work shift.
- An employee does not have four (4) consecutive hours at the end of his/her work shift and the close of the polls.

The employee must notify the employer at least two (2) working days and no more than ten (10) working days prior to the election of his/her intent to take that leave. This leave must be given either in the beginning or the end of the work shift. It can also be given at a time mutually agreed upon between the employer and employee. In addition, employers must post conspicuously in the workplace a notice setting forth the New York State voting statute.

I hope you find this information helpful. Please share it with your friends and neighbors.

Sincerely,

***Marie Adam-Ovide***

***P.S. "An individual who decides not to vote gives away his or her right to determine the quality of life he or she will live." Jody Ann Graham, Baruch College***



## LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

- Crystal, 138-31 Queens Boulevard**, has applied for the renewal of its Liquor, Wine and Beer License.
- Acquista Trattoria, 178-01 Union Turnpike**, has applied for the renewal of its Wine and Beer License
- Gino's of Kissena, 65-01 Kissena Boulevard**, has applied for the renewal of its Wine and Beer License
- Lovell's Guiding Light Cocktail, 148-33 Hillside Avenue**, has applied for the renewal of its Liquor, Wine and Beer License.
- Turquoise Glatt Kosher, Inc., 189-23 Union Turnpike**, has applied for the renewal of its Wine and Beer License
- Kissena Pizza, Inc. d/b/a Valentino's Pizza, 71-47 Kissena Boulevard**, has applied for the renewal of its 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

- 71-52 172 Street

### IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY CONDITION 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. Abandoned excavation site with deteriorating shoring; construction fence is down at exposure #2 and very weak at all exposures. Excessive debris is present. Expired New Building Permit 9/18/09.

Remedy: **Remove all debris; provide code compliant construction fence at all exposures; backfill site to grade.**

### 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 **February 2010**. Parking meters remain in effect.



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| <b>February 12</b> .....Lincoln's Birthday    | <b>February 14</b> .....Asian Lunar New Year                        |
| <b>February 15</b> .....Washington's Birthday | <b>February 17</b> .....Ash Wednesday <b>February 28</b> .....Purim |

### HWQP1183—Hillside Avenue Project



This project includes: roadway reconstruction, sidewalks, pedestrian ramps, curbs, catch Basins, traffic lights, street lighting and trees. It will be performed on Hillside Avenue from the service road of the Van Wyck Expressway to 191st Street.

**Funded partly by the Federal Stimulus Program.**

**Scheduled to start: March 1, 2010**

**Scheduled for completion: November 20, 2011**

**Work hours: 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays**

Community Board 8Q will have more information in the weeks to come. Please check our website for updates:  
**[www.queenscb8.org](http://www.queenscb8.org)**

### Tenants, Owners, Contractors & Housing Professionals



The New York City's Department of Housing Preservation (HPD) is introducing free e-learning classes for tenants, owners, contractors and housing professionals .

- Learn at your own computer and at your convenience.
- Log onto the HPD website to enroll in these classes:  
**[www.nyc.gov/hpd](http://www.nyc.gov/hpd)**

#### The following topics are available:

- Bed bug awareness and prevention
- Local Law 1 for owners - Guide to lead safety in NYC
- First time property buyers

**THEY ARE READY FOR YOU WHEN YOU ARE!**

Make A Splash!



**NYC Department of Parks and Recreation** needs full-time seasonal lifeguards for its beaches and pools.

Sign up now by calling 311 or visit: **[www.nyc.gov/parks](http://www.nyc.gov/parks)**



# February 10, 2010 Community Board 8, Queens

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	<b>10</b> Board Meeting 7:30 PM Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike	11	12	13
 <b>14</b> Happy Valentine's Day Asian Lunar New Year 	<b>15</b> Washington's Birthday - <i>Office Closed</i>  <i>Washington</i>	16	<b>17</b> Ash Wednesday 	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<b>28</b> Purim 						



