

**Mid-Summer 2010**

## COMMUNITY BOARD # 8 NEWSLETTER

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Community Board 8Q's Monthly Meeting held on Wednesday, June 9, 2010 7:30 p.m.  
Hillcrest Jewish Center, 183-02 Union Turnpike

**The Minutes of May 12, 2010 were unanimously approved.** 29 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

#### **Committee Reports: BSA Cal. No. 35-10 BZ – 144-11 77<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

Legalization of a house of worship that was built illegally. 1 in favor, 33 opposed, 0 abstained

#### **Committee Reports: BSA Cal. No. 677-53 BZ – 61-26/30 Fresh Meadow Lane**

To extend the term of a variance permitting the parking and storage of motor vehicles awaiting service only in conjunction with existing body and fender work, minor auto repairs, incidental painting and spraying. Extend the time to obtain a new C of O, permit the enlargement of the subject building and waive the rules of practice and procedure. 5 in favor, 29 opposed and 1 abstained

#### **Resolution – Car Share Text Amendment – Letter to Department of City Planning.**

CB8 is unable to support the car text amendment in its present form. CB8 urges the Department of City Planning to withdraw the amendment for additional review and rewriting that recognized the very different conditions of Queens and the other boroughs outside Manhattan. 34 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstained.

OUR NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2010 (Third Wednesday)

## ***A Word from the District Manager ...***

Dear Community Board 8 Resident:

Conserving water is very important. Without water, there is no life. The Department of Environmental Protection and the Fire Department have special regulations in regards to water conservation.

Did you know that from April 1st through October 31st (April Fool's Day to Halloween) that using hoses and sprinklers to water your lawns are prohibited from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.? In addition, if you have a sprinkler system, it must have a rain sensor to prevent watering while rain is falling.

During very hot days, New Yorkers often open hydrants to get relief from the heat. It is important to know that doing so without spray caps is illegal, wasteful and dangerous according to DEP. This can lower the water pressure and put the lives of people in the community at risk. Children are especially at risk, as the force of the water can cause serious injury. The Fire Department has caps available that can be signed out provided that you are an adult and have proper identification. For more information and to borrow a cap from the Fire Department, please call 311.

It has been brought to my attention that contractors are illegally using fire hydrants during construction. They are not allowed to use water from fire hydrants unless they have secured a permit with the Department of Environmental Protection. If a fire hydrant is open or leaking, please contact Community Board 8 or 311 immediately, the life you could be saving may be your own.

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

Sincerely,

***Marie Adam-Ovide***

***P.S.*** If you want to vote in the Primary Election on Tuesday, September 14, 2010, you must register and select a party affiliation no later than August 20, 2010. If you are registered and have moved since you last voted, you must register again. For more information contact the Board of Elections at 718-730-6730.

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**LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS**



- **K.R.K Wine and Liquors, Inc., 83-27 Parsons Boulevard**, has applied for the renewal of its Liquor, Wine and Beer License.
- **Hoops Bar Iguanas Restaurant, 179-11 Union Turnpike**, has applied for the renewal of its Liquor, Wine and Beer License..
- **F & S Royal Restaurant, 70-29 Parsons 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. You must also include your address and/or telephone number.

**DEMOLITION NOTICE**

- **79-07 149 Street (Partial)**
- **179-18 Kildare Road (Partial Demolition and Excavation Work)**
- **160-27 Highland Avenue**
- **159-09 84 Avenue**
- **71-16 165 Street (Partial)**
- **61-26 165 Street**



**Emergency Conditions and Vacate Orders**

- **71-74 Parsons Boulevard** - Abandoned foundation. Deteriorated fence.  
Remedy - Remove existing wood construction fence and install new 8' high chain link fence. Remove all debris.
- **151-18 85 Drive** - Illegal cellar apartment and fire damage.
- **84-21 Chapin Parkway** - Illegal attic apartment.
- **183-04 Hoover Avenue** - Illegal cellar apartment

**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 **August 2010**.



**ATTENTION: SERVICE DIVERSION ALERT!!!**

There is an upcoming diversion affecting Queens Boulevard line service in Queens during Summer 2010. From August 2, 2010 to September 3, 2010 in order to carry out track replacement work on the express tracks in the vicinity of the Elmhurst Avenue Station.

As you may know, four E line trains operate from the Jamaica-179th Street Station during the morning rush hour period and four to Jamaica-179th Street during the evening rush hour period. In order to carry out this work, no E line trains will run to or from the Jamaica-179th Street Station during rush hour periods. Customers who normally board E line trains at the Jamaica-179th Street or Parsons Boulevard/Hillside Avenue Stations during the morning rush hour period must ride F trains to the Union Turnpike-Kew Gardens, 71st Avenue-Forest Hills, or Roosevelt Avenue-Jackson Heights Stations and transfer to the E line there. Customers who ride E line trains to the Jamaica-179th Street or Parsons Boulevard/Hillside Avenue Stations during the evening rush hour must transfer to the Union Turnpike-Kew Gardens station and transfer to the F line.

**Events in Cunningham Park**



There will be three **free** movies shown at Cunningham Park this coming summer:

- Monday, August 16, 2010 – Up at 8 p.m.
  - Monday, August 23, 2010 – The Blind Side at 8p.m.
  - Monday, August 30, 2010 – Cassablanca at 8 p.m.
- Bring your family, lawn chairs and soda! Popcorn and Italian Ices will be provided!



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**Jewish Music Concert Series at Cunningham Park**



7 p.m.  
August 11, 18 & 25, 2010



**Construction at P.S./I.S. 178 -(189-10 Radnor Road)**

The New York School Construction Authority (SCA) has begun an exterior renovation project at P.S./I.S.178 in Queens. The scope of the project includes roof replacement. This project is scheduled to be completed in September 2010.


During the summer most work will take place during daytime hours. On school days, most construction work will take place from 3:30 p.m. until 11 p.m. Noisy work will cease at 10 p.m. Work may also take place on weekends and holidays as needed. There may be a light smell of tar that will appear 20 - 30 minutes at the beginning of the construction work. Although this renovation work will inevitably cause noise, the SCA will strive to minimize the disruptions to you and your neighbors.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Jamaica Estates Association will be hosting a Forum on **Monday, September 13, 2010 at 7:15 p.m.** in conjunction with St. John's University and with the assistance of certain NYC agencies. This is to discuss the issues and impact of students living off campus—their rentals of one and two family homes and their need to be good neighbors and considerate of the community within which they reside. This issue is not just exclusive to Jamaica Estates. Many of these students live in other neighborhoods within Community Board 8. More information will be provided in our September Newsletter..



# August 2010 Community Board 8, Queens

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	 20 Last day to register so you can vote in the Primary Election on 9/14	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31