

YOUR COMMUNITY BOARD

The Community Boards can play an important role in improving quality of life for all New Yorkers. We urge you to take a moment and learn how your Community Board can assist you, and how you can help your Community Board.

THE COMMUNITY BOARDS

Membership – Each of the 59 Community Boards, comprised of 50 unsalaried members appointed by Borough Presidents in consultation with the Council Members of the Board district, serves as a local representative body of City government. Board members must reside, work or possess a specific interest in the community they represent.

Meetings – Monthly Board meetings provide a public forum for members to address items of concern to the community and give residents the opportunity to express their opinions. Additionally, Boards regularly conduct public hearings on the City's budget, on land use matters and other items of concern.

Committees – Committees within Community Boards are charged with the duty of following up on the issues raised at Board meetings. Each Board establishes its own structures and procedures for committees; non-Board members may apply to join them.

THE BOARDS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Boards play an important advisory role in dealing with land use and zoning matters, the City budget, municipal service delivery and many other matters relating to their community's welfare.

Land Use and Zoning Matters – Community Boards are consulted regarding placement of most municipal facilities in communities and may initiate their own plans for growth and improvement. The Board reviews any application for a change in, or variance from zoning regulations; their position is considered in the final determinations on these applications.

City Budget – Community Boards assess the budgetary needs of their own neighborhoods and meet with City agencies to make recommendations in the City's budget process.

Other Community Concerns – Any problem affecting all or part of a community, from traffic to deteriorating housing, falls within the purview of the Community Board.

Limitations – While the Community Board, its District Manager and its office staff serve as advocates and service coordinators for a community and its residents, they lack authority over City agencies and officials. Nevertheless, Boards are usually successful in achieving resolution through dialogue with other government entities.

THE DISTRICT MANAGER AND DISTRICT OFFICE

The District Manager and the Board staff are chosen by the Community Board and serve at the Board's discretion. District Manager is a salaried position overseeing an office and a staff; the District Manager is responsible for implementing procedures to improve the delivery of City services to the district. Additional functions include taking complaints and serving as a municipal manager, information

source, community organizer, mediator and advocate. The District office receives and resolves complaints from community residents and may also provide services such as assistance with Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) Forms, Housing Assistance and

Half-Fare applications. Additionally, they may process permits for block parties and street fairs. Some District Managers also handle special projects such as organizing tenants and merchants associations, coordinating neighborhood cleanup programs and publicizing special events - the role of the office is dependent on community needs.

To find out which Community Board district you live in, to get a membership application, or to learn more about community boards, call your Borough President's office:

THE BRONX (718) 590-6001/5
BROOKLYN (718) 802-4032
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QUEENS (718) 286-2900
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or contact the Mayor's Community Assistance Unit at (212) 788-7418.

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THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Dear Fellow New Yorker:

Though our City faces many challenges, the strength of those people who are willing to give their time, energy and talents to identify and address the issues and problems facing their neighborhoods will continue to carry us forward. Local Community Boards provide dedicated New Yorkers with a voice and with the ability to be increasingly helpful and productive in their neighborhoods.

How can New Yorkers best work together to solve a local problem? Usually, effective solutions incorporate feedback from citizens who generally know best what's best for their neighborhood because they experience firsthand the day-to-day of the community. The Community Board offers a centralized location for residents to raise concerns and discuss possible solutions.

What makes Community Boards successful tools for strengthening neighborhoods? People concerned about their community and their city come together at Community Boards to resolve citizen complaints and service problems, formulate comprehensive plans for neighborhood development, identify infrastructure needs and much more. Through dedication and hard work, Board members and staff truly make a difference, and improve the quality of life in our city by acting on the concerns of neighborhood residents.

On behalf of Mayor Bloomberg and the staff of his Community Assistance Unit, I hope you will take a moment to learn more about your local Community Board.

Sincerely,

Patrick J. Brennan
Commissioner

COMMUNITY BOARD PHONE NUMBERS

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Bronx 2	718/328-9125
Bronx 3	718/378-8054
Bronx 4	718/299-0800
Bronx 5	718/364-2030
Bronx 6	.....	718/579-6990
Bronx 7	.....	718/933-5650
Bronx 8	.....	718/884-3959
Bronx 9	.....	718/823-3034
Bronx 10	.....	718/892-1161
Bronx 11	.....	718/892-6262
Bronx 12	.....	718/881-4455
Brooklyn 1	.....	718/389-0009
Brooklyn 2	.....	718/596-5410
Brooklyn 3	.....	718/622-6601
Brooklyn 4	.....	718/628-8400
Brooklyn 5	.....	718/498-5711
Brooklyn 6	.....	718/643-3027
Brooklyn 7	.....	718/854-0003
Brooklyn 8	.....	718/467-5574
Brooklyn 9	.....	718/778-9279
Brooklyn 10	.....	718/745-6827
Brooklyn 11	.....	718/266-8800
Brooklyn 12	.....	718/851-0800
Brooklyn 13	.....	718/266-3001
Brooklyn 14	.....	718/859-6357
Brooklyn 15	.....	718/332-3008
Brooklyn 16	.....	718/385-0323
Brooklyn 17	.....	718/467-3536
Brooklyn 18	.....	718/241-0422
Manhattan 1	.....	212/442-5050
Manhattan 2	.....	212/979-2272
Manhattan 3	.....	212/533-5300
Manhattan 4	.....	212/736-4536
Manhattan 5	.....	212/465-0907
Manhattan 6	.....	212/319-3750
Manhattan 7	.....	212/603-3080
Manhattan 8	.....	212/758-4340
Manhattan 9	.....	212/864-6200
Manhattan 10	.....	212/749-3105
Manhattan 11	.....	212/831-8929
Manhattan 12	.....	212/568-8500
Queens 1	.....	718/786-3335
Queens 2	.....	718/533-8773
Queens 3	.....	718/458-2707
Queens 4	.....	718/760-3141
Queens 5	.....	718/366-1834
Queens 6	.....	718/263-9250
Queens 7	.....	718/359-2800
Queens 8	.....	718/264-7895
Queens 9	.....	718/286-2686
Queens 10	718/843-4488
Queens 11	718/225-1054
Queens 12	718/658-3308
Queens 13	718/464-9700
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