

Community Boards are local representative bodies of the 59 Community Districts throughout the five boroughs of New York City. Each Community Board consists of up to 50 unsalaried members appointed by the Borough President with half of those members nominated by the City Council Members representing the Board District. Board members are selected from among involved individuals in each community with an effort made to assure that every neighborhood is represented. Members of the Board must reside in or have significant interest (i.e. work or own property) in the community. Board members elect a Chair and other officers and select a District Manager, who is responsible for the daily operations of the Board. Community Board 1 represents All of Astoria, parts of Long Island City, and Woodside, Queens. The district's boundaries are depicted on the back of this pamphlet.

WHAT WE DO

Community Boards

- Serve as the community's liaison with City's agencies
- Assist with local issues related to trees, potholes, sinkholes, catch basins and other matters related to quality of life in the district.
- Work with City agencies to coordinate local projects and monitor delivery of City services to the District..
- Assess Community District needs and make recommendations for the City's Capital and Expense Budgets to address them.
- Review proposed land use matters in the District. Make recommendations regarding proposed variances from the Zoning Resolution, special permit applications, placement of most municipal facilities in the community and other land use issues.
- Receive petitions for applications regarding street activities and special events in the community. In addition, receive petitions for street co-naming applications. Review applications for liquor licenses.

Community Board 1 Queens meets the third Tuesday of each month except when this date conflicts with a holiday. The Community Board does not meet in July or August, although the District office remains open to work with community concerns/issues. At Board meetings, members address items of interest to the community and vote on Committee and Public Hearing recommendations. Board opinions are generally advisory. Members of the public are invited to speak for up to two minutes each during the Public Comment Session at the end of each monthly meeting. The Community Board holds Public Hearings on the City's budget and on land use items in order to give residents the opportunity to publically express their opinions on such matters. All community members are welcome to sign up on the Board's mailing list in order to receive the monthly meetings information.

HOW WE WORK

HOW YOU JOIN

Community Board 1 Queens topical Committees invite City agencies and local organizations to present information about relevant programs and events at Committee Meetings which are held at the CB1 District Office.

The information that is presented is shared with Board members and the public at the following general Board meeting. The Board encourages non-members to attend committee and monthly meetings.

Community Board 1's topical Committees include: Airport, Community & Economic Development, Consumer Affairs, Environmental, Sanitation, Health & Human Services, Public Safety, Housing, Parks & Recreation, Cultural, Transportation, Legal, Legislative, Parliamentary, Education, Library, and Youth Services.

Applications for Community Board membership are available on the Queens Borough President website at: www1.nyc.gov/site.queenscb1/index.page

SERVICE DELIVERY REQUESTS

You can bring service delivery requests or complaints to our attention by calling the Community Board 1 District Office at 718-626-1021 or by email sent to qn01@cb.nyc.gov. If you have called 3-1-1, please have your service request number and the date the complaint was originally submitted available. CB1 District Office staff will do their best to expedite a response from the appropriate agency. Service delivery requests may also help determine the Community Board's budget request priorities and improve the District.

SPEAK UP ABOUT

- Abandoned vehicles
- Building or housing code violations
- Clogged catch basins
- Garbage collection and street sweeping
- Missing or damaged street or traffic signs
- Noise Complaints
- Park Maintenance
- Potholes, cave-ins and sidewalk repairs
- Pruning or tree requests
- Street lights out
- Zoning Violations
- Other City Agency Matters
- General Questions

WHO WE ARE