APPLY TO JOIN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY BOARD

Interested in joining your local community board? There are 12 in Manhattan, each with 50 volunteer members. Community Board members are appointed by the Borough President, and must live, work, or have a significant interest in the neighborhoods served by the Community Board.

Community Boards deal with important neighborhood issues such as distribution of liquor licenses, consideration of sidewalk café applications, and permits for street fairs. They also weigh in on issues before the Landmarks Preservation Commission, zoning, parks, youth and education services, and many more topics.

Apply to be on your local Community Board via neighbors.columbia.edu/cbapp.

WHAT TO READ FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Looking for something to read? Including fiction, nonfiction, history, essays, and more, our selection of works by Columbia professors celebrates the breadth and depth of Black History Month. Learn about the contributions of Black jazz musicians, explore the lives of Black women in the early 20th century, or enjoy a Pulitzer Prize-winning play. Here are just a few works to get started:

- South of Pico (Kellie Jones): The artists in Los Angeles’s Black communities during the 1960s and 1970s created a vibrant, productive, and engaged activist arts scene in the face of structural racism.
- The Romare Bearden Reader (Ed. Robert O’Meally): A collection of essays by novelists, poets, historians, critics, and playwrights that contextualizes Bearden within the history of modern art.
- Infectious Fear (Samuel K. Roberts): How individuals and institutions—Black and white, public and private—responded to the challenges of tuberculosis in the segregated society of the early 20th century.

Read the full list at neighbors.columbia.edu/blackhistoryreading.