

# JOIN YOUR LOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD OR RESIDENT ASSOCIATION!

To make your area a better place, you must work together with the people living there. To be able to help each other when the time comes, it is important to increase your contact with others in your daily life through the activities of neighborhood and resident associations. Participate in building your community starting with your immediate area.



## So what are neighborhood and resident associations in the first place?

Neighborhood and resident associations are associations voluntarily established by residents in the community. People living in the community cooperate to discuss measures to deal with a variety of problems in the community while deepening friendship and expanding one's ring of friends. Neighborhood and resident associations are the most immediate organizations where everyone can participate in building a safe, secure, and pleasant community.



## What do I need to do to join a neighborhood or resident association?

To join a neighborhood or resident association, you should consult with the head of the neighborhood or resident association where you live.

Also, each neighborhood and resident association determines membership fees, the structure of administrative function, etc. via association regulations, so please inquire directly at your local association.

If you do not know the head of a neighborhood or resident association, please inquire at the Community Cooperation Promotion Office at your local ward office.

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Higashi-ku	934-1121	Nakagawa-ku	363-4319
Kita-ku	917-6432	Minato-ku	654-9621
Nishi-ku	523-4523	Minami-ku	823-9322
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# ***NEIGHBORHOOD AND RESIDENT ASSOCIATIONS ARE ACTIVE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS***

## ***Building a pleasant community***

- Creating a cleaner and better place to live by cleaning roads, parks, sidewalks, etc.
- Deciding on and managing trash and recycling pickup areas, and collecting from community-organized recycling centers.
- Thinking together about manners necessary for a pleasant living environment, such as keeping pets.



## ***Building a safe and secure community***

- Forming voluntary disaster prevention groups and practicing disaster countermeasures in preparation for disasters.
- Creating and implementing traffic safety measures for school zones and high-traffic intersections.
- In aiming for a crime-free environment, installing anti-crime lights in the area, participating in safety measures through community safety patrols, etc.

## ***Holding community events***

- Holding festivals, bon dances, athletic meetings, etc, and deepening friendship and exchange between community residents and different generations.



## ***Supporting each other and building a lively community***

- Contributing to the sound growth of young people and participating in community welfare activities where everyone from adults to children can learn how to watch over and support each other in the community, while cooperating with children's groups, senior citizens' clubs, women's groups, etc.



## ***Responding to problems in the community***

- Discussing the fulfillment of social institutions important to the community such as parks and road maintenance, and approaching related organizations.



## ***Transmitting information***

- Smoothly transmitting vital information from the city government and immediately-relevant information specific to neighborhood associations via booklets, etc.

It is said that during the Great East Japan Earthquake, the Great Hanshin Earthquake, and the 2000 Torrential Rains in the Tokai Region, areas with greater unity in their communities via neighborhood and resident associations were able to better facilitate rescue efforts in the community and recover more quickly.

