# Join a Neighborhood Association

Neighborhood associations are dependable organizations

# Environmental **Beautification**

Making our neighborhood clean and comfortable

### Mutual Help and Support

Creating friendly ties in the community

## Safety and Security

Ensuring that our neighborhood is safe and secure

### Provide Information

Offering useful daily life information



Members of neighborhood associations work together to help and support each other to create a safe, secure and comfortable neighborhood.



## Primary Activities of Neighborhood Associations



# Disaster Preparedness and Crime Prevention

Neighborhood associations strive to ensure the safety and security of the neighborhood by conducting drills to prepare for disasters—such as an earthquake expected to strike the Tokyo Metropolitan Area directly—and safety patrols to watch over children. They also contribute to safety and comfort in the neighborhood by preparing and maintaining disaster preparedness equipment (such as firefighting standpipes) and security cameras.

#### Community Events

Neighborhood associations promote community development that helps residents deepen their friendships and understanding by holding summer festivals and Bon dance festivals, as well as by participating in the city's cultural festivals.



# Environmental **Beautification**

Neighborhood associations collect recyclable resources to help recycle and reduce garbage. They also proactively promote the beautification of their neighborhoods through cleaning activities and the like.



#### Neighborhood Association Q&A

Q: What is a neighborhood association?



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Neighborhood associations are autonomous organizations that address local issues while taking neighborhood conditions into account. The association president and other officials of each association are elected at general meetings. Members work on a volunteer basis.

#### Q: Is personal information properly managed



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The personal information members provide is compiled into membership lists that are only used within the association's intended purposes, such as running the association, to arrange exchange events for members, and confirming the safety of members in case of emergency. The information is managed properly and is not provided to outside parties, except when required by law.

## **Q:** What are the benefits of joining a neighborhood association?



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Members of neighborhood associations think and work together to improve their neighborhood.

The greatest benefit is that your neighborhood becomes a safe, comfortable and pleasant place to live. In particular, the association members help those in need when a disaster occurs.

## Q: What are association membership fees used for?



A:

Operational plans and budgets are approved at general meetings each year to decide how to spend the membership fees. For example, these fees may be used to purchase disaster preparedness equipment, install and maintain security cameras, and cover the costs for cleaning, greening, safety patrols, respect-for-the-elderly events and other association activities.

#### Inquiries regarding Neighborhood Associations