



COMMUNITY BOARD 10

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To: All Residents in Community Board 10 Queens

Re: 2026 Block Parties

With block party season approaching, the Community Board would like to remind its residents of procedures to follow when applying for block party permits.

REQUIREMENTS:

- All applications must be filed online no less than 60 days prior to date of planned event. The online system may be accessed at NYC Mayor's Office of Citywide Event Coordination and Management: <https://www.nyc.gov/site/cccm/index.page> The non-refundable application processing fee is \$25, payable by credit or debit card.

Contacting CB10 before filing online to determine if the desired date will be available is suggested.

- A petition signed by all residents and/or commercial establishments on the block must be submitted in conjunction with the application. The **petition form is provided by CB10**. Signatures must be obtained from all addresses on the block. If someone is not at home on the first attempt, it's requested a second attempt is made. The dates of the two attempted visits to that particular address must be reflected on the petition form. Petitions will be reviewed and verified and will be rejected if not representative of the entire block. The original of the petition must be received by CB10 no later than 30 days prior to the block party date.
- The applicant must live on the block the event is being held on and must be present for the entire duration of the event.
- If amplified music (any type of sound system) is planned for the event, a sound permit from the 106 Precinct must be obtained. No amplified music is permitted without a sound permit. A **money order, payable to NYPD** in the **amount of \$45.00 is required**. Cash or checks will not be accepted by the NY Police Department. Block party sound permits issued by the precinct will be valid until 8:30 pm and all amplified sound must cease at 8:30 pm. (Please be advised that the precinct may place an earlier time restriction on/or deny a sound permit on a case-by-case basis.) The precinct may also require an applicant to provide information identifying the owner of any sound equipment to be used.
- **Loud noise from amplified music continues to be a major Quality of Life complaint in all parts of the 106 Precinct area; therefore, there will be strict enforcement of noise regulations.**
- Please be advised, the issuance of a sound permit is NOT a license to blast music with no restriction on volume and is only for one music source. The 106 Precinct advises that a sound permit, if issued, will be valid only to a limit of 86 decibels. Also, please note that whoever applies for the sound permit, as well as the sound equipment owner, will be responsible for the strict adherence to the music time period and decibel level and they may both be subject to receiving a summons for non-compliance. The identity of the DJ /MC / Equipment owner may also be required.

- If you are planning to have rides of any type (even just inflatables) a certificate of liability insurance indicating the "City of New York" as the indemnified must be provided as well as a copy of the DCWP (Dept. of Consumer and Worker Protection) certificate. These can be obtained from the ride owner/operator. Upload any required supporting documents.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- Only Block Parties planned to occur between **June 6 and September 26, 2026**, will be considered for approval.
- Only 1 block party per block for the season will be approved.
- No Block Parties will be approved for Sundays (other than church-sponsored events occurring on the church block).
- The Mayor's Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO) does not allow rain dates.
- **NO Block party activity may continue in the roadway or curb lanes after 9 pm.**
- **All Streets must be fully open to traffic at 9 pm with all tables, chairs, etc. out of all parts of the roadway by 9 pm.** The applicant is responsible for ensuring compliance and must make participants on the block aware of the requirement to reopen the street.
- **No block parties to be held on July 4, 2026, or on the Saturday of Labor Day weekend will be approved.**
- No block parties to be held on commercial streets will be approved. Other types of street events applied for involving use of stages or performance space on commercial streets will be referred to park venues. CB10 may request non-approval by SAPO of block parties or other street events for blocks on or intersecting commercial streets.

Please be aware, in order that on any given date block parties are not all clustered in close proximity to each other, no more than 8 events will be approved by CB10 on any given date, and no more than 2 in each of the zip codes within the board area will be approved on any given date.

STREET REGULATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

There is a nine (9) hour limit for the duration of the block party event. All block parties must end no later than 9pm and all streets must be reopened to vehicular traffic by 9pm. Blocks that have not complied in prior years may not be approved this year.

DJ's must stop playing music and all other amplified sound must end at 8:30 pm at the latest, no matter what time you start your block party.

At no time is the serving or consumption of alcoholic beverages permissible on either the street, curb lane, or sidewalk at any block party. All applicants for block party permits are responsible for making sure that everyone participating in your event is aware of this.

It is illegal to possess or discharge fireworks or to block streets with vehicles.

Events will not be approved for blocks where any police action was required in 2025 during a block party. Events may not be approved for blocks where complaints of inordinate noise were received or where there were illegally parked vehicles blocking intersections or otherwise impeding traffic during a block party.

All street events, including block parties and street fairs, are required to recycle. Non-compliance with recycling regulations is punishable by fines starting at \$25 and increasing to \$500 for repeat Violations.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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