

Welcome to the Rockaways!

Welcome to our treasured strip of land nestled between the Atlantic Ocean and Jamaica Bay. The air is salty, the ground sandy. The weather is more temperate than on the mainland, cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter. We have a thriving arts community with art galleries, live theater, outdoor concerts, major arts and crafts show, and it all takes place right in the middle of our national park, Gateway National Recreation Area. We love it here and so will you. So we send you a warm welcome to our new neighbors. You are going to love living here and wonder why you never discovered it before!

Adjusting to a new community can be trying. To ease your way we have a local Guide available with information to help you navigate through your new community. Be sure to ask for a copy. In this Guide, you will find out who represents your community in government and how to contact them. You'll find out how to travel in, about and around the peninsula. Religious institutions are listed as well as local schools, public and private, and preschool and nursery choices. Sports organizations offer after school, weekend and summer activities for children. We have the only beaches dedicated to surfing in New York City and six miles of boardwalk along a beautiful beachfront. Our event calendar lists activities to help keep you busy all year long. Rockaway has a community organization in every neighborhood and social clubs and organizations to answer almost every need. Get involved, volunteer, meet your neighbor, and make lasting friends.

The Rockaway Chamber of Commerce is another tremendous resource, who is committed to nurturing out continued growth as a community. They can be reached at (718) 634-1300.

So once again we welcome you to our small town of Rockaway.