



Our board of directors

Narrows Botanical Gardens



JOAN REGAN

I was born in Bay Ridge where we raised our two sons. In time our two grandchildren were born making them fifth generation Bay Ridgites. In 1995, I was drawn into a community issue which was threatening our quality of life. Developers were proposing to build a multiplex theatre three blocks from our home. After co-founding the organization 'Concerned Residents of Bay Ridge' and as it's Vice President we succeed after four years in stopping the developers but more important revising our zoning codes. In 1999, I was co-founder of 'Gateways To Bay Ridge' whose mission was to better serve the merchants and residents with shops that would draw business and serve it's residents. Last, but not least, as co-founder, I served as the Narrows Botanical Gardens President from 1995 to 2010.

CHIP CAFIERO

I am a lifelong resident of Bay Ridge and have raised five children here. I was a NYC school teacher for 34 years until my retirement in 2003. I have been a community activist, involved in numerous organizations and projects for over thirty years. I have been a park advocate for more than 17 years and have coordinated or participated in practically every clean up and program in the parks of Bay Ridge during those years. In addition to sitting on the board of the NBG, I am the vice president of the new Shore Road Parks Conservancy.

ELEANOR PETTY

A retired teacher, lives less than a block away from the Gardens and has been active in the community for the forty- five years she has lived in Brooklyn. She is a member of Community Board Ten, and was the Parks Chair for twelve years. She is presently serving as a member or officer of the Lutheran Medical Center Ladies Auxiliary, the Garden Club of Bay Ridge, the Bay Ridge Center for Older Adults, the Dyker Heights Civic Association, the McKinley-Leif Ericson Park Alliance, the Kassenbrock Brothers Memorial Scholarship Fund as well as some other local organizations.