

Why Form a Neighborhood Association?

- Coordinate neighborhood activities, such as TGIFs, neighborhood rummage sales, Trick-or-Treat, neighborhood BBQs, holiday parties, book clubs, home tours, family fun days, etc.
- Become better acquainted with neighbors beyond the house next door.
- Deal with urgent neighborhood issues as a group.
- Give form and voice to your neighborhood.
- Welcome new neighbors.
- Increase communication between neighbors.
- Increase the level of safety in your neighborhood.
- Develop a telephone or email tree between neighbors to help get the word out.
- Increase awareness of local government activities.
- Give support to elderly neighbors.
- Give teenagers income-earning opportunities through a neighborhood job board.
- Find help for homes/yards/pets through a neighborhood job board.
- Share recommendations for services and businesses.
- Share a common newsletter, contribute to a common newsletter.
- Have fun together.
- Unite with old friends and explore common interests.
- Find new friends and develop new interests.
- Provide play groups for younger families.
- Provide meaningful activities for neighbors of all ages—book clubs, card clubs, dining clubs, etc.
- Celebrate our similarities!
- Celebrate our differences!

Neighborhood Associations Should:

- Encourage voluntary open membership to remain inclusive and non-judgmental.
- Identify natural boundaries that define the neighborhood and join people together.
- Be organized around the needs and desires of the neighborhood members and unite neighbors through shared interests and concerns.
- Strive to enhance the perceived and actual value of residing in the neighborhood.