

# Sample Neighborhood Program Ideas



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## Health and Safety

- Establish a neighborhood natural disaster response plan with the Washington State *Map Your Neighborhood Program*
- Coordinate neighborhood clean up
- Ask the City for help setting up a “Traffic Calming” program
- Create a Neighborhood Block Watch program

## Neighborhood Improvement

- Apply for one of the City’s Matching Grants to undertake small neighborhood improvement projects
- Come up with a neighborhood project for “Make a Difference Day”
- Lead a neighborhood tree planting effort
- Create a snow shoveling system to help residents in need during the winter
- Organize a neighborhood cleanup
- Paint a neighborhood mural
- Create a neighborhood babysitters list

## Communication

- Create a neighborhood newsletter to share information about what’s going on in or near your neighborhood. The City will help with printing costs.
- Create a neighborhood directory so that you have your neighbors’ names and contact information
- As City officials to come speak in your neighborhood about issues relating to your community or that your neighbors want to learn more about

## Community Identity

- Provide resources for residents to create a neighborhood name, and identifying logo and signs
- Help neighbors create a “good neighbor policy guide”
- Create a neighborhood sports team and compete against other neighborhoods

## General Community Building

- Close your street and have a Block Party!
- Get the Sweets to sponsor a neighborhood day at the baseball game
- Set up a movie night in a backyard or park

- Bring together neighbors for an outdoor game – ultimate Frisbee, basketball, four square, whiffle ball etc.

## **Service Projects/Civic Engagement**

- Set up a neighborhood voter registration drive
- Organize a canned goods food drive
- Yard cleanup – help a senior citizen with a yard spruce up
- Blood drive
- Snow shoveling – trade snow shoveling duty with those who need an extra hand

## **City Resources**

To help neighbors organize and get engaged the City can:

- Provide a gathering space or meeting room
- Offer coaching for how to run a successful meeting
- Help publicize and promote your neighborhood project or activity with free printing services and graphic design help
- Offer small matching grants to help offset program costs
- Help you go out and knock doors in your neighborhood to spread awareness about an issue or idea
- Help you navigate the resources that already exist

If you have other ideas for what you would like to see provide, email [Cconner@wallawallawa.gov](mailto:Cconner@wallawallawa.gov) to see if we can make it happen!