



Building Community During COVID-19: Events and Projects

In July of 2020 the Neighborhood Engagement Program hosted the Community During COVID Competition to share ideas for projects and events that build community strength and resiliency. Here were their ideas:

- Identify and achieve a Guinness world record as a neighborhood
- Plan a neighborhood clean-up project, restoration, or local mural
- Partner with the Audubon Society to create a Walla Walla birding brochure that would encourage greater outdoor engagement
- Send hand written letters to your neighbors offering help with basic tasks
- Create a Neighborhood Skills and Equipment Inventory to share resources and potential expertise
- Begin a "Walk with the Mayor Program" where city representatives lead walks through different neighborhoods and answer residents' questions
- Create a self guided tour to highlight historical and contemporary facts about your neighborhood
- Create a brochure that highlights the history and diversity of identities in Walla Walla through enlisting members of the community from all areas
- Create a neighborhood resource give away, where communities can distribute staple food, health, and safety resources
- Hold socially distanced happy hours or barbeques where neighbors can talk from their lawns, porches, or driveways
- Plan a socially distanced block party! Music can play in a centralized location while families stay in their yards
- Play Cornhole or Badminton across your fence
- Hold a socially distanced food truck night: hire a food truck to come and park in your neighborhood and have neighbors come up one house at a time
- Build a tiny free library in your community

If you're excited about any of these ideas let us know! We are here to help make them happen!

