

Love Our Neighborhoods

Love Our Neighborhoods is about inspiring and encouraging people to intentionally develop relationships with their immediate neighbors. Our hope is that the people become a part of this campaign will move from strangers to acquaintances, and from acquaintances to relationships with the people who live near them.

Imagine a city where caring for your neighbor and your neighborhood creates a dynamic that ultimately changes your city, neighborhood by neighborhood.

It's not complicated. Just start by engaging in conversation, hosting neighborhood events and activities, and cultivating relationships by genuinely engaging with all those who live near you.

Want to know more about connecting with your neighbors?

Here are a few Ideas.... (provide hyperlink to this list, or make each list a separate landing page.)

50 ways to be involved in your neighborhood

Personal Activities

Create a block/ street email and phone contact list for safety
Create a neighborhood Facebook/Twitter/Google + group

Stay outside in the front yard longer while watering the yard.

Sit on the front porch and let kids play in the front yard

Walk your dog regularly around the same time in your neighborhood

Attend the parties invited to by neighbors

Become a regular at your neighborhood pool/park

Let neighbors know about any special skills and offer to help them for free

Start a compost pile and allow neighbors to dump their compost

Grow a garden and give out extra produce to neighbors

Volunteer to coach a local little league sports team

Ask longtime residents to help you learn about the neighborhood

Offer to babysit neighbors' kids so they can have a date night

Attend and participate in HOA functions

Ask your HOA or apartment complex if they need help with anything

Food- related Activities

Bake and distribute fresh bread, cookies, pie, or brownies

Cook an extra casserole and give it to a neighbor

Buy an extra dozen donuts and give them to a neighbor

Invite neighbors over for dinner

Host a coffee and dessert night

Host a regular Saturday morning breakfast potluck

Host a weekly open meal night in your home

Host a summer BBQ every Friday night and invite others to contribute

Host a front yard ice cream party in the summer

Organize a progressive dinner on your street

Other Group Activities

Organize a food or clothing drive

Host a game night (yard games outside, or board games inside)

Host an Art swap night – bring out what you're tired of and trade with neighbors

Grow a garden and give out extra produce to neighbors

Organize an Easter egg hunt on your block and invite neighbors use their front yards

Host a sports game watching party

Organize and host a crafts night or sewing group

Host a movie night

Start a walking/running group in the neighborhood

Host a play date weekly for other stay-at-home parents

Organize a carpool for your neighborhood

Organize an effort for neighbors to assist elderly in the neighborhood

Collect second hand items and offer to take them to a nearby charity

Go Christmas caroling in your neighborhood (invite neighbors in on it)

Throw a July 4th block party

Find out your neighbors birthdays and take them a card and baked goods on it

Setup a meet your neighbors night with drinks in your driveway/front yard

List adapted from The Verge Network <http://www.vergenetwork.org/>