

Ten Things A Neighborhood Association Can Do For A Neighborhood

1. Crime prevention activities

Organize a “Neighborhood Watch” on every block. Work actively with community and beat patrol officers.
2. Organize neighborhood cleanups

To coincide with citywide clean-up/free dump days, or as special neighborhood effort. Organizers can utilize clean-up assistance from the City of Wichita’s Office of Central Inspection (OCI).
3. Survey neighborhood needs and assets

Conduct survey; compile results; communicate results to neighborhood.
4. Address “problem properties”

Form Neighbor –to-Neighbor Committee to encourage compliance with housing and health codes. Learn of programs available for rehabilitation assistance. Provide compliments and/or awards for exceptionally well-maintained properties.
5. Work to enhance public facilities in neighborhood: streets, sidewalks, water/sewer service, alleys, street lights, parks, and public spaces

Learn about public services and possible enhancements. Learn about neighborhood revitalization programs. Develop working relationships with potential public or private partners.
6. Monitor land-use issues. Redevelopment zoning

Learn about city planning processes. Provide neighborhood input regarding both neighborhoods planning issues and citywide issues that will impact neighborhoods.
7. Provide communication within neighborhood and with wider community about neighborhoods

Publish neighborhood newsletter. Conduct media contacts for neighborhood events and activities. Create “media kit” containing relevant information for news media. Learn neighborhood history and share it.
8. Develop new leaders

Work with community resources to motivate and train numerous neighborhood residents. Share leadership duties.
9. Conduct economic development

Get acquainted with neighborhood businesses. Organize “marketing committee” for neighborhoods to work with realtors, rental property owners, and businesses on mutual interests and concerns.
10. Organize neighborhood celebrations

Conduct block parties, founder’s day picnic, or public safety events. Create or revive neighborhood traditions.