North Platte
Neighborhood
Power

Creating Connections for Caring Communities

Kit 3:
Make a Difference
Improve your neighborhood

Motivation for coming: Caring ties, community pride

Summary: In neighborhoods where people generally know everyone you can use this kit to help each other out, encourage greater neighborhood ties and build unity as you work together to improve the neighborhood.

Each season affords lots of opportunities for neighborhood projects. Below are a few ideas. For more detailed information on how to organize those projects underlined below, please refer to specific project sheets.

Spring/Summer Projects

- Mow an neighbor's yard
- May Day Baskets
  - Regular May Day baskets with candy
  - Small flower assortment for planting/ flower seeds & a pot
- Adopt-a-park
  - Contact the city to find out what you can do to improve a nearby neighborhood park
- Clean up projects (could be requested by neighbors needing help or done by "secret service")
  - Painting homes or painting murals over graffiti
  - General clean up (yard, garage, planters, ect.)
  - "**Dump Day"** - Anyone with a vehicle that could take a load to the dump. The sanitation department will issue two passes per year for an address to be used for free trip to the dump
- Create a neighborhood garden
- Host a neighborhood Garage Sale or Neighborhood Junk Swap Parties

Fall Projects

- Winterize house inside/outside
  - Plastic on windows
  - Weather stripping around doors
  - Blow water out of sprinkler systems and cover backflow device
  - Wrap water pipes
- Yard Clean-Up
  - Remove plants/ garden clean-up
  - Rake

Winter Projects

- Shoveling walks/ sprinkle salt on ice
- Spend time with the elderly neighbors documenting their personal history
- Checking on elderly residents during in climate weather (turn chart)

Anytime Projects

- Offer to take a neighbor to the store if they cannot get there on their own
- Offer to babysit small children so a neighbor may go to a doctor's appointment or the store
- Start a neighborhood newsletter with a calendar detailing special events in the community or neighborhood. Include things like recipes, gardening or home maintenance tips.
- Random Acts of Kindness – Secret Neighbors providing Secret Services.