

25 Ideas for Building Community in Your Neighborhood



1. Take an unhurried walk and see how many neighbors you can greet
 2. Tell a neighbor what you appreciate about them
 3. Using chalk, write or draw a positive message on the sidewalk
 4. Take cookies to the fire department
 5. Regularly check in on homebound neighbors
 6. Host a casual gathering, and don't overthink it
 7. Celebrate a long-time resident and invite them to share their stories
 8. Share food, your baking, cooking, or things from your garden
 9. Bring in nearby trash and recycling containers
 10. Post a positive comment highlighting the neighborhood's strengths on a neighborhood online forum
 11. Leave a kind note on a neighbor's windshield
 12. Volunteer close to home
 13. Read everything posted on the bulletin board at your library
 14. Learn the names of the pets near your home
 15. Introduce yourself to your newest neighbors
 16. Ask a neighbor for an ingredient you're short on instead of making a grocery run
 17. Compliment a neighbor (perhaps for their garden, pet, or how they cared for another neighbor)
 18. Pay attention to major life events happening around you
 19. Sit outside your home and say hello or wave as people pass by
 20. Express curiosity about a neighbor's interests and listen intently
 21. Share your skills: shovel, rake, or _____ for a neighbor
 22. Pick up litter
 23. Leave a treat or thank you note for your mail carrier or delivery driver
 24. Support your local community garden or greenspace
 25. Attend your neighborhood civic association meeting
- Other ideas? _____
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