

Neighborhood Associations 101



What is a neighborhood association?

A neighborhood association is a group of residents who want to be organized and work as a team to maintain and improve where they live by sharing ideas and resources to build relationships with one another.

Why form a neighborhood association?

- ▶ Build stronger relationships among neighbors
- ▶ Form a unified voice for city government
- ▶ Organize the community for specific goals
- ▶ Empower neighbors to identify community needs and pool resource to make positive changes
- ▶ Create and preserve neighborhood character and community pride

All About Bylaws

Bylaws serve as the guide on how the association will operate. Bylaws can:

- ▶ **Help resolve problems:** they give members a governing document to refer to when disagreements arise
- ▶ **Describe board member positions:** they can also outline the tenure of each position and how, how often, and when elections will be held
- ▶ **Share membership information:** they outline who can be a member and if any dues will be paid by members

Community Engagement

- ▶ **Newsletters:** share a print or electronic newsletter each month
 - ▶ **Social Media:** connect members and share news, events, or meetings on Facebook, Instagram or Nextdoor accounts
 - ▶ **Events and Gatherings:** host regular events and invite the community
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