

Oodles of Ideas

To Connect Neighbours to Neighbours

WELCOME

- Move to / sit / hang out in the front yard
- Smile
- Say Hi!
- Introduce yourself
- Welcome new neighbours
- Knock on the door
- Door to door intros
- Welcome baking
- Intentional greetings and invites
- Actually invite people over
- Get to know your neighbour social
- Open invitation activities
- Regular scheduled events (like monthly coffee, etc)
- Watch Survivor together
- Park Party
- Outdoor movie in the park
- Backyard movie
- Organize park cleaning
- GreenDeer
- Clean dead leaves together
- Leaf & branch pick-up
- Yard work
- Lawn mowing party
- Fix-It event
- Visible project (garage project)
- Block parties
- Roasts / bonfires / fire pit / fire sides
- Contest – snowman building, chili cook-off
- Kids festival
- Hand me down / clothes swap
- Community Pet Show
- Family dance
- Latin American party
- Go to community event together
- Open house
- AGM
- Bike riding
- Mini bike rodeo
- Mini golf – one hole per yard / Par 2 golf
- Kids
- Kids free play – bikes, bench swing, etc.
- Youth group game playing
- Afterschool kids club
- Lead program for healthy kids
- Play dates for kids
- Sprinkler party
- Slip n Slide
- Pool party
- Splash park
- Snow hill for kids
- Sliding night
- Sledding party
- Snow sculpting / Snowmen
- Pond ice skating party
- Skate park
- Horses
- Cat party
- Dog / animal walking group
- Walking the community
- Walking partners / club
- Running club
- Organize a race (treasure hunt)
- Book club
- Spontaneous activities – cookie time, story time
- Community Association starting activities

APPRECIATION

- Thank those doing good work
- Anonymous cards

FOOD

- Coffee gathering
- Morning coffee
- Espresso stand
- Buy someone coffee
- Bake & drop off cookies
- Baking exchange
- Borrow baking goods
- Dinner
- Potlucks
- Progressive dinners / Travelling meal
- Wine & chill / Wine time
- Soup Sunday
- Stone soup
- Freezer meal party
- Cook-outs / S'mores
- Community kitchen
- Block / neighbourhood BBQ's
- Grow to gift garden
- Gifting zucchini

EVENTS (social)

- Use common spaces
- Signage
- Bulletin board on fence

ACTIVITIES

- Walk in your community
- Walk to the mail
- Walk with your kids
- Natural gathering areas / activity hubs
- Yoga in the park
- Geo-caching
- Community hockey & baseball games
- Shiny tourney
- Street hockey
- Play sports – soccer, baseball, football
- Frisbee golf

ARTS

- Play music
- House, backyard & greenspace concerts/jams
- Arts in the Park
- Mini concert
- Talent show
- Kids pictures
- Face painting

HOLDIAYS

- Holiday event (cookie swap, trick or treat together)
- Christmas cards
- Chirstmas lights
- Christmas caroling
- New Years Day sleigh ride party
- Seasonal – holiday gifts
- Celebrations – birthday parties, anniversaries
- Go on holiday with neighbours

MUTUAL AID

- Can I borrow your _____?
- Help each other / offer assistance
- Good deeds
- Random acts of kindness
- Check in on vacation
- Pick up flyers
- Letting pets out
- Sharing chores – animals
- Wrangling cattle
- Opening fences
- Tree pruning
- Mowing grass
- Snow buddies / Shovel walks
- Snow blower service
- Snow plowing / clearing
- Share garden space
- Free apple picking
- Pseudo Grandma
- Car pool
- Gather around local issue or crisis
- Emergency planning / medical training

SHARED LABOUR

- Community neighbourhood building – people helping / teaching / giving to others
- Shingling roofs
- Skill sharing / swap
- Common problem solving
- Common challenges
- Similar interest projects

- Tools & Toys sharing shed
- Tools exchange
- Saturday Honey “Do”
- Weed spraying / equipment
- Community garden / Food forest
- Trade services – seamstress, etc
- Targeted connetions (seniors, shut-ins)
- Connect child care with older people
- Share babysitting
- Shared childcare – popsicle stick exchange
- Social Media bartering
- Little Free Libraries

RAISE FUNDS

- Lotto group
- Multi-home or block yard / garage sales
- Lemonade stand on sidewalk
- Fundraising (support kids)
- Bake sale
- Car wash
- Bartering / bargain garage sale with BBQ
- Home parties (jewelry, candles, tupperware, etc)
- Recycling day & share \$ to host party

STAY CONNECTED

- Drop-Ins
- Lattes Anonymous
- Security – check in
- Email list
- Internet
- FaceBook page
- Whats app
- Webpage for neighbourhood
- Flyers to advertise
- Use group photo as invite for following year
- Story capture and share re celebrate your neighbour

