

## Bentonville Great Neighborhoods Partnership **Benefits of Neighborhood Associations**

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Getting to know your neighbors and becoming part of your neighborhood community can be a rewarding experience for you and your neighbors. Getting to know your neighbors and being engaged in your community can be a rewarding experience for you and your neighbors. Organizing or joining a neighborhood group or association is a great ways to get involved.

Neighborhood groups are residents and property owners who work together to organize activities and advocate for the neighborhood. Here's just a few of the benefits of neighborhood associations:

- Develop a cleaner, safer, healthier neighborhood and improve the quality of life for residents.
- Empower residents to have a voice and work toward, and achieve common neighborhood goals, a unified vision of who you are as a neighborhood.
- Create open communication networks with government officials, businesses, and other groups. Make them partners in your neighborhood, all working towards a strong neighborhood.
- Work toward a safer neighborhood by reducing and preventing crime through crime prevention programs.
- Promote friendship, reduce conflict, and foster a sense of concern and caring among people in the neighborhood.
- Provide a means of communicating with neighbors.
- Encourage the discussion of ideas that affect the neighborhood and promote cooperative action.
- Organize neighborhood improvement projects, help older residents with yard work, and assist those unable to clean up their property by themselves.
- Promote and celebrate diversity in the neighborhood.
- Preserve the unique historical heritage of the neighborhood through neighborhood planning.
- Protect youth, and support and strengthen neighborhood schools.
- Develop better awareness and access to the services and agencies of schools, city, and county governments.
- Fully utilize all the resources available to the neighborhood.
- Solve problems that exist or arise within the neighborhood.