



Good Neighbor Project Starter Kit

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What is the Good Neighbor Project?

The Good Neighbor Project is a Davenport neighborhood program in which City staff and the Davenport Police Department collaborate with citizens to foster and encourage community engagement.

Why should I belong to the Good Neighbor Project?

Neighborhoods are the foundation of a strong community. Getting to know your neighbors, the officers in your neighborhood, and the City staff that works for your neighborhood will create a large network of people that can work together to solve issues and discuss topics and events that impact the area surrounding your neighborhood.



Who can start a Good Neighbor Project?

Anyone! The Good Neighbor Project can be as simple or as formal as you would like. It can be a small group of neighbors that communicate by text, it can be a neighborhood that holds meetings regularly to discuss neighborhood concerns, or it can be a defined neighborhood with boundaries, bylaws, board members and more.

Many of our neighborhoods are full of people and families with busy schedules. This type of GNP might just be a group of residents that share information through a social media platform. It can also be a larger network of neighbors that get together occasionally for a neighborhood block party, rummage sale, fun run, or work together on a neighborhood project. The possibilities are endless and the choice is yours!



How can we make our Good Neighbor Project a success?

Get to know your nearby neighbors:

- Practice the Nine House Model: In residential areas each homeowner or renter should try to get to know the neighbors in the three homes behind them, the three homes across the street from them and the neighbors on either side. The idea is to get to know some of the neighbors who live closest to you and then you can share contact information with each other in case any needs or

emergencies arise.

- Host a Neighborhood Meeting to attract a larger group: You can invite an officer from our Davenport Police Department to speak at your gathering or another speaker that can talk about personal safety or crime prevention. You could also invite a general interest speaker to attract a wider audience and use that opportunity to talk about your Good Neighbor Project.
- Use Nextdoor or a neighborhood Facebook page to invite neighbors to do a neighborhood improvement project together, or even just to get together for a Block Party.
- Start a common interest group to get to know more of your neighbors such as a book club, sports team, mom's group, etc...
- Schedule a tour with a group of your neighbors: Tours will allow you and your neighbors to get to know each other better while learning more about your community. You can take a tour of the Davenport Police Department, the Davenport Fire Station(s), the city's Public Works facility, SECC (Scott Emergency Communications Center), local TV station facilities and more.

How can our group get to know and work with Davenport Police Officers and City of Davenport Staff?



- Contact your police department and ask them to put you in touch with your neighborhood patrol officer. This officer serves your neighborhood and is available to answer your questions and address your specific neighborhood concerns.
 - Contact your Neighborhood and Citizen Engagement staff liaison, Nevada Lemke. She can answer questions about neighborhood events and concerns, and can speak at your neighborhood meetings or invite other City staff to speak in their area of expertise.
 - Attend one of our City sponsored neighborhood events. The City of Davenport hosts a variety of annual events to engage with its residents. This includes, Party in the Park (a series of 7-8 summer events featuring food, entertainment, games and information tents), Touch a Truck, and more.
- Apply to our Citizens Academy program. Citizens Academy is an 8 week course for residents of Davenport to attend 2 ½ hour sessions once a week to learn about the different departments within the City of Davenport. Each session contains information about the department's operations as well as a fun and interactive learning exercise.

Where can we get information about what's going on in the City of Davenport and public safety tips and information?



- Sign up for Davenport Direct. It provides news and notices straight to your device, and is one of the most reliable ways to stay informed of the items you are most interested in: Snow Emergencies and Flood Updates, Ward Meetings, Parks and Recreation Programs, Street Closures, Fire Safety Reminders, Volunteer Opportunities and more. Just select the News and Notices you wish to receive, and how you want to receive them. [Click here to sign up for Davenport Direct](#)

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- Check out our Interactive Development Map on our website that shows you what development projects are coming soon or are in progress around the city!
- Apply for our Citizen's Academy. This is a nine week course that allows for Davenport citizens to learn about the roles of each of the departments and participate in Interactive exercises.
- SUBMIT A TIP:
<https://cityofdavenportiowa.com/government/departments/police/tip>
- COMING SOON...
 - Interactive Crime Incident Map
 - Camera Registration Program



For more information on any of the abovementioned resources, please visit our webpage at <https://davenportiowa.com/gnp>