



## Good Neighborhood 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, officers in your neighborhood, and City staff will help to create a large network of people that 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, a neighborhood that holds regular meetings to discuss neighborhood concerns, or 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 neighborhood projects. 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, three homes across the street from them and 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 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 Community Engagement Coordinator, Allie McWilliams. She can answer questions about neighborhood events, 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, Coffee with a Cop, 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 crime and safety information or other information about what's going on in the City of Davenport?**

- Sign up for Alert Iowa. 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, Volunteer Opportunities and more. Just select the News and Notices you wish to receive, and how you want to receive them (Text, Voice, and E-mail notifications available in multiple languages).

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- Check out our Interactive Dev Map. This map is located on our website and is a community planning and economic development tool that shows you what 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: [www.davenportiowa.com/tips](http://www.davenportiowa.com/tips)

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