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Planning Neighborhood Projects

Neighborhood projects are a good idea, but how do you start?

- Check with your neighbors and active members of your neighborhood group to find out what kind of projects they would support.
- If your neighborhood has established goals, make sure the project is consistent with those goals. If your neighborhood has not established goals, this might be a good first step.
- Ask the members of your association what type of activities they would like to have.
- Consult the Neighborhood Development Specialist or members of the Bureau of Community Enrichment for suggested projects and information on relevant programs and services available through the City.
- Identify the types of skills and resources that are available through your association -- gardeners, good cooks, carpenters, sales people, and artists are some examples.
- Identify resources available through area businesses, including contributions of products, volunteers, services, technical assistance and discounts.
- Identify who will be able to work at an event and the times they will be available.



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- Involve the entire community in your projects. Reach out to youth, seniors, or other members of your neighborhood that may not be involved and get their input. A project that meets the needs of all of your neighbors will help everyone feel a part of the project, and it will encourage future involvement.
- Determine what resources the neighborhood can contribute to the project. A neighborhood's greatest resource is its residents and the commitment and enthusiasm that they can bring to a project. A project that includes "sweat-equity" is a value-added project.
- Plan ahead on your neighborhood projects. If grant money is available, don't wait until the last minute to plan and submit your project. Start planning today for next year's project. Prepare and carefully plan and it will be apparent in your proposal.
- Identify others that may be of assistance in implementing your project. Boy or Girl Scout troops may be looking for community service projects. There may be an opportunity to utilize youth that are required to provide community service for legal reasons. By including these youth in your project you may get the manpower that you need, and provide them with a productive and positive experience in giving back to the community.



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