



Neighborhood Associations: Introduction & Tips

WHAT IS A NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION?

A group of residents, business owners, property owners, renters, volunteers, and others invested in a geographically defined area (neighborhood). They come together in the interest of the neighborhood, to build community, network, share information, get involved with local government, and more.

WHAT DOES A NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION DO?

Your Neighborhood Association's activities should be based on member capacity, interests, and community needs.

HERE ARE SOME IDEAS:

Public Forum



Meetings
Special Issue Meetings
Workshops

Community Building



Social Events
Block Parties
Charitable Fundraising
Community Projects
Neighborhood Emergency Teams
Tree Planting
Beautification Projects

Information Sharing



Newsletters
Articles
Website
Social Media
Flyers

Civic Engagement



Land Use Reviews
Portland Code Changes
Land Use Notifications
Advocacy
Neighborhood Planning



TIPS FOR MEMBERS

- Attend meetings, come early
- Make meetings accessible to everyone
- Don't leave before the meeting is adjourned
- Don't overcommit yourself
- Cooperate
- Partake in Neighborhood Association activities
- Speak up if there's an issue
- Take time to celebrate successes and troubleshoot problems
- Greet newcomers and make them feel welcome
- Always ask people to join the Neighborhood Association
- Avoid side talk
- Focus on taking action
- Learn about the Neighborhood Association and your community