

COLLEGE SQUARE

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We are one of the City of Long Beach Neighborhoods AT THE "TOP OF THE TOWN"



When We Know Our Neighbor

"Communities work better (students perform better, crime rates are lower, kids are safer, people live longer) when neighbors know one another better. Knowing your neighbor on a first-name basis is a surprisingly effective first step toward a better neighbor."

MISSION

Know Our Neighborhood Campaign inspires, builds, and sustains the neighborhood relationships that provide the foundation for civic action and the building of stronger, more caring and effective communities.

VISION

Bringing neighbors together builds connectedness. And connectedness builds more satisfying, self-sufficient and effective communities that strengthen our nation as a whole.

Know Thy Neighbor Campaign

Did you know that the majority of Americans know the names of their neighbor's pets but not their neighbor's or their kid's name?

How many of your neighbors do you know?



We need to feel comfortable, safe and secure in our neighborhood. We are asking neighbors for phone numbers, email addresses or other ways to contact in case of an emergency.

Many of our neighbors have special talents/skills that might come in handy. Knowing this information is very useful when we need to know the person who is entering our homes or property for some project.

Knowing our neighbors is a great way to provide that extra level of security to our community. We rely on police to cruise the area looking for trouble spots. A well-informed neighborhood is one that provides that "crime watch" feel and actuality. This helps us be aware of who is driving down the street. We can better and more efficiently alert neighbors if we think the door to door solicitor/salesperson may be casing the homes looking for that weak link. "See Something – Report Something" for safety.

If you notice papers piling up out front, grass growing longer than usual, weeds in the planter areas, etc., these may be signs of challenges in that home. As good neighbors we can be vigilant and concerned. How better to show we live the mantra to "love thy neighbor"? To love thy neighbor is to know thy neighbor!

Some Reasons to Know Your Neighbors:

1. **Peaceful Living** - It can be far more peaceful to live among neighbors that like and respect each other, especially when they're living in close proximity. Respectful neighbors are less likely to invade your space, be loud and rowdy, and make overall daily life stressful
2. **Safety First** - Good neighbors watch out for each other and their property. Living in a proactive neighborhood can increase your family's safety, as multiple sets of eyes and ears can help thwart criminal activity and promote a safer area. It's really nice to be able to give the neighbors a heads-up that you're going to be out-of-town, and be able to say "hey, can you keep an eye on our place?" That's an added level of security to have real-live eyes and ears looking out for you and your property.
3. **Vacation or emergency Travel Help** - Good neighbors can be especially helpful when you are away from home. They can keep an eye on your property, watch your home for unusual activities, gather your newspapers or collect your mail if you are out of town.
4. **Take out your garbage** cans and put them back if you are out of town or ill.
5. **Source of Help** - If you are ever laid up due to an injury or an illness, a kind next-door neighbor can be a great source of help during your recovery. If you feel comfortable to give them a key is a great convenience for several reasons, like if you get locked out or need to let a repair person in when you cannot be at home. They are close by for assistance when you need it most.

6. **Social Circle** – Especially for our seniors or physically challenged/handicapped - Some neighborhoods thrive on over-the-fence or front yard conversations. Having someone close by to socialize with can create wonderful friendships that may not have otherwise happened.
7. **Family Support Source** - Neighbors are often very supportive of each other's family needs, especially in times when there may be an emergency, tragedy concerns or just generally keeping a lookout for safety.
8. See if you can make a new walking or sports friend.
9. Someone to take fishing.
10. Someone to help put together an emergency neighborhood group.
11. Someone to call if you have fallen or hurt yourself.
12. Someone to travel with.
13. Someone to go camping with.
14. Someone to walk your dogs together.
15. Go for a bike ride or hiking together.

Connect online to connect offline. Websites like [Next Door](#) have created whole new online neighborhoods, but it's important to remember to not use these sites in place of actually getting to know our neighbors in real life.

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