

100 Ways to Meet Neighbors

Neighbors – Your Immediate Neighborhood

1. Stay outside in the front yard longer while watering the yard.
2. Walk your dog regularly around the same time in your neighborhood.
3. Sit on the front porch and let the kids play in the front yard.
4. Pass out home-baked goods (fresh bread, cookies, brownies, etc.).
5. Invite neighbors over for dinner.
6. Attend and participate in HOA functions.
7. Attend the parties invited by neighbors.
8. Do a food drive or coat drive in winter and get neighbors involved.
9. Host a music share party in your home (everyone brings five favorite songs and discusses).
10. Offer to mow someone's lawn on your street.
11. Have a garage sale.
12. Organize a tasting tour on your street (everyone sets up food and tables on the front porch).
13. Cookout with the gate open or even in the front yard, and let neighbors know they are welcome to join.
14. Have a game night (yard games outside or board games inside).
15. Art swap night – bring out what you're tired of and trade with neighbors.
16. Grow a garden and give out extra produce to neighbors.
17. Have an Easter egg hunt on your block and invite neighbors to use their front yards.
18. Start a weekly open meal night in your home.
19. Do a summer BBQ every Friday night and invite others to contribute.
20. Create a block/street email and phone contact list for safety.
21. Invite your neighbors to serve with you for a local cause in your community.
22. Organize a backyard movie night for kids on your block.
23. Prayer walk and talk to people you come across.
24. Jog outside instead of on the treadmill.
25. Pull their trash back in when you notice it's out.

26. Cook an extra casserole and give it to a neighbor.
27. Buy an extra dozen donuts and give them to a neighbor.
28. Start a compost pile and allow neighbors to dump their compost and take it.
29. Host a sports game-watching party.
30. Host a coffee and dessert night.
31. Organize and host a ladies' craft night.
32. Organize an effort for neighbors to help take care of the elderly in the neighborhood.
33. Become a regular at your neighborhood pool/park.
34. If you have a skill, let neighbors know you can use it to help them for free.
35. Host a movie night and discussion afterward.
36. Start a walking/running group in the neighborhood.
37. Start hosting a playdate weekly for other stay-at-home parents.
38. Organize a carpool for your neighborhood to help save gas.
39. Collect Goodwill store items and offer to take them to Goodwill.
40. Have a front yard ice cream party in the summer.
41. Start a sewing group.
42. Go Christmas caroling in your neighborhood (invite neighbors).
43. Throw a July 4th block party.
44. Start a neighborhood Facebook/Twitter/Google+ group.
45. Ask longtime residents to help you learn about the neighborhood.
46. Offer to babysit neighbors' kids so they can have a date night.
47. Find out your neighbor's birthdays and take them a card and baked goods.
48. Set up a meet-your-neighbors night with drinks in your driveway/front yard.
49. Ask your HOA or apartment complex if they need help with anything.
50. Host a regular Saturday morning breakfast potluck.

Extended Neighborhood – The Regular Spots In Your City

51. Frequent a local gym or recreation center.
52. Find a park where you consistently spend time within your community.
53. Pick a few restaurants to frequent, getting to know the staff and regulars.
54. Go to the same coffee shop when you can.
55. Start a regular ultimate frisbee game in your city.
56. Take the kids to story time at your local library.
57. Let your kids play in the city sports leagues.
58. Attend your city council meetings and get to know what's going on in your city.
59. Attend your local school board meetings to know what is going on in the schools.
60. Participate in the local festivals, parades and celebrations of your city.
61. Invite a neighbor to a local sporting event.
62. Start a guys' night at your local pub/eatery.
63. Get involved in your kids' school PTA.
64. Connect with other homeschool kids through local co-op events.
65. Be a part of your local genealogical society.
66. Tip generously at your regular restaurant spots.
67. Participate in local film viewings and discussions.
68. Attend your local high schools' sporting events.
69. Coach a local little league sports team.
70. Offer to teach free computer training sessions at your local library/public venue.
71. Start a Study Group at a local place that needs business.
72. Be a regular with your kids at the same playscape/restaurant during the day.
73. Ask your local college how you can help serve international students.
74. Get involved with your local lions or rotary club to learn about the community.
75. Find a local tweetup group to meet with regularly.

76. Frequent a live music night at your local coffee shop or bar.
77. Make a routine of taking the family to an evening recreation spot (pool, jump zone, etc.).
78. Find a local philosophy/theology discussion group and become a regular participant.
79. Find a baking meetup group and be a part of their activities.
80. Go to the same hair stylist/barber and get to know them.
81. Find your local bank representative and get to know them.
82. Be a regular at your local farmers market.
83. Take a regular stroll at your local park.
84. Take your dog to the dog park in your city.
85. Start a local art collective blog and organize it around different themes.
86. Have gospel discussions in public places where others can listen in.
87. Check your area's Craigslist for community service needs.
88. Ask a local restaurant owner how you could bless their employees.
89. Frequent the same gas station and make an effort to get to know the workers there.
90. Watch sporting events at the same local sports bar/restaurant in your city.
91. When you can, support local businesses and get to know the people in that business.
92. Visit your city's visitors center to learn about its history.
93. Start a storytelling group at your local coffee shop.
94. Organize a kids' fun day at your city park.
95. Offer free computer/technology help for elderly citizens in your area.
96. Start a bike repair co-op.
97. Picnic at your local park and invite the people there to eat with you.
98. Start a sewing class at your local community center.
99. Organize a co-working time at your local coffee shop for people who work at home.
100. Join a city softball, soccer, football, or basketball league.