



Growing our Neighbourhoods



Tips on how to connect with your neighbours every day!

- Offer a friendly wave when you see your neighbours in their front yard or in your street
- Start with a smile and a hello
- Introduce yourself if you have not yet met
- Invite your neighbour over for a coffee and a chat
- Collect your neighbours' phone numbers and be willing to share yours so you can contact each other should you notice anything suspicious. Contact the City if you would like a magnet to list contacts
- Offer to collect your neighbour's mail if they are going to be away for an extended time
- Bring in your neighbour's bins if you see them on the verge
- If you are from a diverse background, share information on your culture and cuisine with your neighbours
- Share your favourite dish with your neighbours
- Do you have fruit trees or a vegetable garden? If you have surplus, share or swap with your neighbours
- Offer to lend a hand to a neighbour who might be less able
- Start a book sharing routine (if you have the same interests)
- Bond over pets
- Spend more time in your front garden – this provides more opportunity to bump into your neighbours
- Become a welcome party for any new residents
- Don't be afraid to ask for help yourself – needing a cup of sugar is a great way to get to know your neighbour
- Get active! Walks around your neighbourhood are a great way to meet residents
- Turn backyard cricket into street cricket (if safe to do so in your street)
- Search for your local community social media page
- Create a closed street Facebook or Instagram group to connect and keep in touch
- Join your local community garden or residents association to connect with your wider community
- If you have multiple children attending the same school in your street, look to start a walking school bus where the children can walk together with a supervising adult
- Roaming get togethers are great to share the load of entertaining. Take turns in hosting a morning or afternoon tea or BBQ or have a dinner and each household hosts a different course



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