



**Building Relationships Today
For Stronger Neighborhoods Tomorrow
and A Better Community For All**

Establishing a Neighborhood Network

A neighborhood network is a group of neighbors (homeowners, renters, and property owners) who get together, share ideas and work cooperatively to make their neighborhood a better place to live. Participation is on a voluntary basis for residents living within the neighborhood area. There are no required fees or dues to be paid. Neighborhood networks do not have any legal authority to enforce covenants.



Why start a Neighborhood Network

- To build community pride and ownership among residents
- To offer an organized method to meet and get to know your neighbors
- To provide a structured plan to promote, preserve, and improve the quality of life in your neighborhood and community
- To identify and resolve neighborhood issues in an organized manner
- To partner with city staff to make a positive impact in your neighborhood
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Develop a core group

- Recruit a core group (5-10) of neighbors
- Schedule a meeting to identify purpose and goals
- Plan an initial neighborhood wide meeting to get other neighbors involved
- Choose a convenient location/date/time

Neighborhood tips

your source for tips and information on what makes Owasso Neighborhoods Strong

Prepare for the first neighborhood meeting

- Get the word out
- Create fliers listing the date, time, location, and purpose
- Distribute to all houses in the neighborhood
- Provide a sign in sheet for residents to complete for contact information
- Bring name tags and pens so neighbors can get to know one another
- Place chairs in a circle or horseshoe for effective communication

Create structure for your organization

Leaders should be selected by the group in attendance. These typically consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. In addition, **bylaws are optional** to develop. These will cover such areas as rules governing internal operations, the membership process, officer terms and duties, committees, voting procedures, and various others. Lastly, a meeting schedule should be established along with neighborhood goals.



**Living in a good neighborhood is not a right;
it is a responsibility for all of us to do our part.**

For information about the Owasso Strong Neighborhood Initiative:

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