



NonPartisan Coalition

- Strengthening Communities
- Advocating for Government that Serves the Community

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Group Meeting- watch for an email announcement.

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What makes for a strong community? Sharing Some Other Opinions

Strengthening Your Community

<https://spectrumam.com/build-strong-community/>

“Comfortable, stable communities significantly improve the quality of our lives. But what does it take to create a strong community? Below we will discuss five key points for creating a strong community.

1. Trustworthy Leadership

Leadership is key in setting a collaborative tone to build trust between board members and community members. Trust is built by listening, engaging in meaningful conversations, developing mutual respect, and careful examination of competing agendas.

2. Clear Communication

A strong community cannot exist without clear communication. To keep communication flowing, it's important to be mindful of the following:

- Listen carefully to the concerns of others.
 - Express your position in a measured and unemotional manner when it comes to sensitive subjects.
 - Consider suggestions and follow through with plans.
- Regular communication is paramount to your success, as miscommunication causes inefficient meetings, alienation of homeowners, and discontent within the community. When communication breaks

Steering Committee Report

- The steering committee will be planning the upcoming group meeting. If you have feedback or suggestions for the steering committee or NPC, please email us at:

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Web Site- Check it Out!

- Thanks to Carol Relitz our web site has undergone a big change! We are truly becoming a place where community members can find resources. Please visit our web site at:

www.NonPartisanCoalition.net

- Submit articles for our web site or newsletter to:

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down, it is hard to repair relationships.

3. Connection

One of our most basic human needs is to connect with other people. To build relationships within your community, consider hosting interesting and fun events for members of all ages.

Some examples may include:

-Organizing a community Game Night, Movie Night, or Sports Night.

-Recruit members as committee volunteers to take ownership in special events like National Night Out.

-Have committees host regular seasonal events such as Dine-In Movies, holiday dinners, or Spring beautification projects.

Consider all of the valuable resources your HOA (community) has to offer, whether it be a clubhouse, pool, park, or golf course. Utilize your resources! If your community does not have amenities, consider using local recreation centers, schools, churches, or parks for hosting events other than board meetings.

4. Meetings and Necessities

Regular board meetings and annual meetings are not only a requirement, they're also a great way for the entire community to gather together to share ideas, voice concerns, and make recommendations. Meetings are also opportunities for board members to solve problems, take action, address issues on a regular basis, and operate in a transparent manner to build trust among community members.

5. Avoid Apathy

As a member of your community, it's generally up to you to discover the best opportunities to motivate others and avoid indifference among homeowners. To keep members involved, engage them! Utilize tools such as a community website, social media, and opportunities for community events to keep members interested.

Now it's time for some careful reflection. How strong is your community? You have the ability to make a difference! Strong communities don't just develop overnight – they take time, concentrated effort, positivity, and planning."

With a little effort, your city can be better this year. Here are some effective ways to do it.

<https://www.fastcompany.com/90287193/25-simple-resolutions-you-can-make-to-improve-your-city-in-2019>

BY BRENT TODERIAN

(Note: The original article had 25 ways that your choices can translate into better cities. Below are some of the best ones.)

1. “Vote in municipal elections. Too many of us don’t vote at the government level that most affects our actual lives on a daily basis.
3. Choose different ways to get around your city. Walk, bike, skateboard, scooter, take public transit, as many times a week as you can. Focus especially on those short trips—for example, buy a shopping trolley and walk to the grocery store if possible. Lobby your leaders for improvements to support more choices, like better infrastructure and slower speed limits.
7. When you’re supporting your kid’s interests, chose options that are in your neighborhood or are otherwise “local,” rather than sentencing you and your kids (and everyone else) to have to drive all over the city or region.
9. Take every opportunity you can to participate in civic life. Linger in and enjoy good parks, places, and streets every day, not just during special events. Your very presence and engagement adds life, vitality, and safety to a place, and helps them be more enjoyable for everyone.
10. Tell your elected leaders that you insist on real action on homelessness, starting with actual homes and supportive services, whether you can see its effects in your neighborhood yet or not.
12. Open your eyes to whether your city is truly accessible for everyone—every curb cut or lack thereof—for the disabled, people of all ages, and for every parent with a stroller.
13. Support local arts and culture with your feet and dollars every day, so you won’t have to fight to save them when they’re under threat of closure.

14. Support your local and downtown public libraries. They aren't just for books, they are real civic places where public life and community building happen.

19. Plant a tree in your front yard, and fight for street trees on your street, in your neighborhood, and across your city.

20. Find ways to love and support your favorite historical buildings *before* they are threatened with demolition. They're a lot easier to save if they're used and appreciated every day.

21. Get involved with (or create) community and advocacy organizations, especially ones that are for things, not just against things.

22. When it's budget time at City Hall, pay really close attention. It's where the truth of your city's aspirations is revealed. Insist that your political leaders show in detail how their spending decisions actually match the city vision they've approved in their plans.

25. When you see an opportunity, champion something really big and remarkable in your city, and make it happen.

You don't have to resolve to do all 25 of these in order to have a profoundly positive impact on both your life, and the collective life of your city. But I hope you'll jump in with both feet on a few. Both you and your city will be much better for it."

