

Connecting Advocates Newsletter

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Uniting community members to transform our neighborhoods is at the heart of what we do.



Stronger Together

Our Community Cares

A community that demonstrates a commitment to the wellbeing of residents can prevent problems for individual people, and benefit the entire community. In an era of declining respectful behavior, a community leadership that provides positive role modeling- being welcoming, providing avenues of communication, and connecting residents to resources- creates a foundation that feels solid for everyone.

For community leaders who have laid this strong foundation, there remains a concern that there are many silent members of our community who are vulnerable. Individuals who are feeling isolated are a danger to themselves, and, they can also be a danger to others. For example, an elderly person with dementia who leaves an oven on can cause a fire that damages more than their own home.

We can't prevent all problems, but we can make an effort to prevent some. Having community leadership that cares can give all residents a sense of security because they know there is someone they can turn to in times of need. Here are some of the ways our local strong communities already show they care:

- Community media: discussion boards, newsletter, social media
- Community meetings
- Knowledgeable board members
- Programs and initiatives that benefit the community
- Open to new people and new ideas

Here are some successful practices from many communities:

- Block captains and/or area representatives
- Welcome kits for new residents
- Reminders to check on neighbors
- Volunteers who meet the needs of residents
- Community celebrations, i.e. block parties, holiday celebrations.

We'd love to share your community's suggestions for meeting the needs of residents. See page 2 for how one community is looking for ways to connect with residents.

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More Suggestions for Meeting Residents' Needs

One of our local communities is putting together a committee to explore more ways to meet the needs of their residents. A Health and Wellbeing Committee, a volunteer group, is just beginning to discuss ideas. The list below was designed by our own web designer, Carol Relitz. She is working with the committee to put these ideas into action. We look forward to hearing how some of the ideas below are implemented.

What Do You Think?

Cultivating Community Connections would like to know about the people in your community that are making a difference. Tell us who they are and what they are doing. Email us at:

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Our Leadership Team

Carol Jenkins- founder

Jeff Jenkins- co-founder

Melissa Daston- *Movers and Shakers* coordinator

Carol Relitz- web administrator

Thank you for supporting CCC's efforts to strengthen communities.

H&W Committee Health & Wellbeing for the Community

It's Time To Care...



- ☐ *Adopt A Neighbor* - Call, visit, help prepare weather emergency kits
- ☐ *Socialization* - Lead various activities at club house to have fun and bring together, e.g. Bingo, Board Games, Cards - no cost to participate.
- ☐ *Lending Hands* - Pick up groceries/mail, change batteries/light bulbs, writing cards, make phone calls, take out trash
- ☐ *Computers* - Help with Email, eblasts, voting, Zoom, updating
- ☐ *New Members* - Prepare Gift bags to include info/invites from Committee Chairs, group/club leaders, VOICE, events to meet & greet
- ☐ *Seminars* - Topics of interest including speakers from Police/Fire Dept, Nurses/Doctors, Nutritionist, meal demos
- ☐ *County & Local Services* - Information and assistance available
- ☐ Other concerns to be addressed?

Might This Be a Model For CCC's Own Growth?

<https://northsideplanningcouncil.org/our-mission/>

<https://northsideplanningcouncil.org/our-history/>

"The Northside Planning Council began in 1993 with City support and has grown into one of Madison's most successful and effective community organizations. NPC serves the 22,500 residents and businesses in north Madison and works with diverse community leaders from neighborhood, business, senior, faith, school and community center groups. Our dedicated and passionate volunteer citizen leaders assess the needs of the Northside community, develop partnerships and actively lead community organizing and economic development efforts to meet our community's goals and address issues."

