



Hey, Good Neighbour! Thanks for stopping by

We all want to live in a neighbourhood where we feel at home, feel connected, and feel safe. Get to know your neighbours and start building a community you can trust and rely on.

Colwood has launched a new neighbourhood connectedness program: *Good Neighbour*.

The Good Neighbour program is a resident-led effort to help neighbours connect and support one another. Not only do neighbours become our first responders in emergencies, but neighbourly connections help also build trust, create a sense of connectedness and responsibility, and cultivate a sense of home, of safety, and security.

Good Neighbour encourages residents to get to know each other, largely through activities organized by a Good Neighbour Leader -- this could be you!

To get you started, below are some examples of activities you can do with your own neighbours. Whatever activity you choose, remember it is meant to be fun, safe, inclusive, and low stress. Get to know your neighbours and help build your community!

Activity Ideas

- Host a “very local” outdoor coffee shop - set out a few small tables and invite neighbours to bring their own chairs and beverages of choice.
- Chalk your block - invite the kids on your street or in your building to draw murals on the sidewalk in chalk to bring colour to your environment.
- Build a clothing / housewares exchange box on your block - Get together with neighbours to build a “Take It or Leave It” box on your block where people can exchange, donate, or take unused household items.
- Eat your boulevard - transform your neighbourhood boulevard into edible gardens! Some initial investment in wood for the garden boxes, soil, and seeds or starter plants will be required. Contact the City for guidance.
- Expand the urban forest - work with neighbours to prepare a map of your neighbourhood trees and where additional trees might be appropriate.
- Develop a neighbourhood emergency plan - work with your neighbours to make a plan for a major emergency. What assets do your neighbours have that they could contribute during an emergency? Who needs additional support? Gather contact information.

For more information, tips, tricks, or activity ideas and to register as your neighbourhood leader, contact goodneighbour@colwood.ca. See the City’s Good Neighbour webpage Colwood.ca/GoodNeighbour and start bringing your neighbours together.

