

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Leadership Training

Free classes offered to neighborhood leaders to learn how to be an effective leader and how to make the organization more successful.

Civics Class

"Inside Rock Hill" - a 10-week civics course offered to residents of the City of Rock Hill. This course allows residents an in-depth understanding of how the city is run so they will be able to access services necessary to maintain and improve their quality of life. The course is offered during the Spring and Fall.

Crime Watch

Organized neighborhood groups can participate in a crime watch. A police officer can attend your meetings and share your neighborhood's crime statistics and provide information on crime prevention.

Rock Hill Council of Neighborhoods

An umbrella group whose members are representatives from various neighborhood organizations throughout the City. The group furnishes a connecting link between neighborhoods and elected and appointed officials, as well as units of local government.

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

The services of Neighborhood Empowerment are available free of charge to any neighborhood located within the city limits of Rock Hill.

For more information, call or e-mail any of the Neighborhood Empowerment team members listed below. We'll be glad to help!

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Neighborhood Empowerment means just what it says - putting the power to change neighborhoods into the hands of neighbors just like yourself!

Got a problem in your neighborhood and don't know where to turn for help? Call Rock Hill's Neighborhood Empowerment Team! Want to do something to make your neighborhood safer? More attractive? How about cleaner? Neighborhood Empowerment can help with all of those! Want to start a neighborhood association to bring your neighbors closer together? You guessed it - Neighborhood Empowerment!

Fact is, Neighborhood Empowerment offers a wide range of services to help make any neighborhood a better place, all at no cost to you!

All we ask is that you be willing to meet your neighbors, roll up your sleeves, and work together to make your neighborhood what YOU want it to be!

NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT - IT WORKS!

Neighborhoods are one of Rock Hill's greatest assets. The Neighborhood Empowerment team helps citizens organize their local community and tackle tough issues such as development, beautification, education, and overall quality of life.

Strong community-based organizations make Rock Hill a city where everyone can enjoy great amenities such as:

- direct communication with the City
- safe neighborhoods
- affordable housing
- good jobs
- convenient shopping
- strong schools
- great parks.

WHAT IS A NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION ANYWAY?

Neighborhood Empowerment can help you organize a Crime Watch in your neighborhood. Below are some easy, low-cost or no-cost things you can do to make your home and your neighborhood a place where criminals don't want to visit or set up shop!

A neighborhood organization can be many things. You might call it a block club, homeowners or tenants group, or neighborhood watch association.

Whatever you call it, it's a group of neighbors who get together, share ideas with each other, and work cooperatively on solving problems and strengthening communication - basically to improve the quality of life in their local area.

Your association may be informal and only meet as needed. Or you may want to take a more formal approach and hold regular monthly or quarterly meetings. It's all up to you!

WHY ORGANIZE?

Organized neighborhoods have the opportunity to develop partnerships throughout the community.

An organized neighborhood is always better equipped to solve community problems. This also improves the overall quality of life within the entire City. When you organize, you'll get:

- direct communication with the City
- help in coordinating City services
- help in identifying community resources
- opportunities to work with other Rock Hill neighborhoods
- opportunities to build relationships with your neighbors
- opportunities to work together to address common concerns.

You'll also have a framework from which you can make physical improvements. These can be short-term and inexpensive, like a Spring Clean-Up day. Or they can be long-term improvements which require funding, such as fixing drainage problems or purchasing community entrance signs.

HOW WE CAN HELP!

The free services of Neighborhood Empowerment are available to any neighborhood located within the city limits of Rock Hill.

We can:

- attend your meetings and share our experiences in working with other neighborhood associations
- assist with flyers until your association is established
- provide the use of a computerized phone tree to send reminders and announcements (in your voice, if you'd like)
- send your neighborhood leader a weekly mailout that includes the agendas of City Council, Traffic Commission, Planning Commission, and the Zoning Board of Adjustments, along with other pertinent information
- arrange for Rock Hill Police Officers to attend your scheduled meetings to go over the Crime Reports for your neighborhood
- provide training and educational opportunities like Neighborhood Leadership Training and Civics Classes, along with presentations from City employees
- assist your neighborhood in locating meeting space
- help connect you with the Rock Hill Council of Neighborhoods, an organization committed to preserving and promoting the integrity of Rock Hill's neighborhoods by serving as an umbrella group whose members are the various recognized and approved neighborhood organizations of the city.