

A Neighborhood Map of Associations

These associations, together with the capacities of individuals, are the basic community-building tools of local neighborhoods. An effective process of regenerating communities requires identifying and involving as many of these associations as possible in creating and implementing a vision for the community.

Artistic organizations:	musical, theatrical, writing
Business organizations:	Chamber of Commerce, neighborhood business associations, trade groups
Charitable Groups & Drives:	Red Cross, Cancer Society, United Way
Church groups:	service, prayer, maintenance, stewardship, acolytes, men's, women's, youth, seniors
Civic events:	July 4 th , art fair, Halloween
Collector's groups:	stamp collectors, flower dryers, antiques
Community support groups:	"friends" of the library, nursing home auxiliary
Elderly groups:	Senior Citizens
Ethnic associations:	Sons of Norway, Black Heritage Club, Caballeros de San Juan
Health & fitness groups:	jogging, exercise, dieting
Interest clubs:	recycling, antique car owners, book groups
Local media:	community radio and newspaper, local access cable TV
Men's groups:	cultural, political, social, educational, vocational
Mutual support groups:	Alcoholics Anonymous, sweat equity housing, La Leche League
Neighborhood:	crime watch, block clubs, neighborhood organizations
Outdoor groups:	garden clubs, Audubon Society, conservation clubs
Political organizations:	Democrats, Republicans, caucuses
School groups:	printing club, PTA, childcare
Service clubs:	Zonta, Kiwanis, Rotary, American Association of University Women, fraternities, sororities
Social cause groups:	peace, rights, advocacy, service
Sports leagues:	bowling, basketball, baseball, fishing, volleyball
Study groups:	literary clubs, bible study groups
Veteran groups:	American Legion, Amvets, Veterans of Foreign Wars, their Auxiliaries
Women's groups:	cultural, political, social, educational, vocational
Youth groups:	Future Farmers, Scouts, YM/YMCA

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