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Relationships vs. Isolation

Relationships will make or break your life . . . your goals.

If you want to go fast, go by yourself, but if you want to go far, go with others.

The thought is we are more connected than ever due to technology; however maybe we are not.

CITY
vs.
COMMUNITY

What is Real Community?

What are the building blocks of a good community?

QUALITY OF LIFE

PARKS – RECREATION - CULTURE

TRANSPORTATION

PEDESTRIAN – BIKES - PUBLIC

SAFETY

POLICE - FIRE - EMS

WATER – WASTEWATER – STORMWATER - REFUSE

STREETS

Community's Quality of Life



Schools



Neighborhoods



Churches



**Health
Care**



Parks



**Proximity to
Larger city**



**Shopping/
Dining**

What HINDERS Sense of Community?

- Isolation
- Citizen Apathy
- Lack of Gathering Space



Neighbors who know each other, look out for each other.

93%

say it's important for neighbors to look out for one another.

Over **67%** of homeowners feel safer when they know their neighbors.



35%

of people who know their neighbors reported that they've shared information with them about crime & safety.

79%

of people that use an online neighborhood forum talk with their neighbors at least once a month in-person.



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Neighborhood Associations



Community Groups
Or Organizations

**Building Relationships Today
For Stronger Neighborhoods Tomorrow
and A Better Community For ALL**

Commitment to protect the investments residents and businesses have made in Community



What could you do to build Community **Sense of Community?**

- **Neighborhood Partnerships**
- **Neighborhood Alert Program**
- **Sign Topper Program**
- **Neighborhood Leadership Conference**
- **Neighborhood Block Party**
- **Volunteer Projects**
- **Keep Your Town Clean**

Community Day of Service Projects

Volunteers cleaning out drainage area



Volunteers cleaning along neighborhood pond



Volunteers planting – park area



Volunteers cleaning green space



Affiliation with Keep Oklahoma Beautiful

- Grants to support your programs
- Supplies & Resources to meet project needs
- Training & Education at Workshops
- Networking Opportunities
- State-wide awards and recognition
- Encourage volunteer efforts to keep our state beautiful and sustainable



Questions



Thank you!

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