

## HANDBOOK OVERVIEW

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Welcome to the City of Longmont's *Handbook for Better Neighborhoods*. This handbook has been prepared to assist residents of the City of Longmont in proactively addressing neighborhood issues. The Handbook can also serve as a resource to neighborhood leaders in their day to day interaction with their neighbors and local government. Every section of this handbook can be utilized to strengthen your neighborhood association.

Whether your neighborhood association has been in existence for ten years, two years or you are just forming one, there is always room for improvement. Whether you are part of an established Homeowners Association or are a member of a volunteer Neighborhood Association, there is information in this handbook that will be helpful. Included within the handbook are the tools needed for neighborhoods that want to start associations. Basic techniques are also included for established associations, such as how to run well-organized meetings, newsletter publishing, recruiting new members, goal setting, and much more.

Coming together with your neighbors only when controversial issues arise limits the potential of your neighborhood to unify and determine its destiny. The City of Longmont challenges your neighborhood to have an active association that makes a difference in the community. Utilize the *Handbook for Better Neighborhoods* to help start an association where there is none or increase the effectiveness of an existing organization.

The *Handbook for Better Neighborhoods* is updated approximately every six months, for current information you may refer to the City of Longmont's website at [www.ci.longmont.co.us](http://www.ci.longmont.co.us). If you have any questions about the *Handbook for Better Neighborhoods* please contact the Neighborhood Resource Program at 303-651-8721.