

1. Six Steps to Organizing Your Neighborhood

From the Handbook for Better Neighborhoods

1. **Volunteer to be a neighborhood organizer and see who is interested in organizing in you neighborhood.**
2. **Call** a meeting of your core group, *invite someone from Community & Neighborhood Resources, discuss the advantages of organizing, decide on boundaries, and hold a vote.*
3. **Call** a meeting and invite all your neighbors to get to know one another and further discuss organizing. *Advertise the meeting and create an agenda, invite someone from Community & Neighborhood Resources.*
4. **Facilitate** the neighborhood meeting allowing for introductions, discussion, and votes on each decision. *Elect a leader and register with the City of Longmont.*
5. **Continue** to hold regular meetings to accomplish goals and maintain healthy communication among neighbors.
6. **Have** a celebration! *Reward yourselves with a picnic or dinner for a job well done and to maintain momentum within the group.*

To Remain a Registered Neighborhood Group

To continue to participate in the NGLA and to receive updated information from the City of Longmont, you must:

- Renew registration annually, verifying that each group is active and to keep records updated.
- Meet as a neighborhood group at least once a year, electing the group leader and reaffirming your registration.
- Offer membership to all residents within the boundaries of your registered neighborhood group.

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Neighborhood Group Leaders Association



**Strengthening bonds
within neighborhoods**

**Fostering healthy
communication with
the City of Longmont**

Neighborhood Group Leaders Association (NGLA)

The NGLA was established to provide a communication link between the City of Longmont and organized neighborhood groups. This allows for an avenue to address the needs and concerns of Longmont residents, and an overall improvement in the quality of life in our community.

Participation in the NGLA requires registration with the City of Longmont. Neighborhoods annually designate a representative to the NGLA, and these members attend monthly NGLA meetings. Meeting topics range from economic development to environmental issues, usually involve an invited speaker, and are directed at keeping members up to date on city, community and school district issues. Each January the NGLA as a group selects the topics and sets the agenda for the coming year.

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Neighborhood Activity Fund Grants

Activity grants are through the City of Longmont and support events organized by registered neighborhood groups. These events include but are not limited to: picnics, block parties, parades, celebrations, clean-ups, outreach, and networking activities. All events have the purpose of bringing neighborhoods together, strengthening bonds, and improving the quality of life of residents in the neighborhood.



Neighborhood Improvement Grants

The Neighborhood Improvement Grants provide financial resources through the City of Longmont to fund neighborhood based improvement projects. These grants are only available to neighborhoods registered with the City of Longmont who regularly attend Neighborhood Group Leaders Association monthly meetings. These projects include but are not limited to: landscaping, neighborhood identity signs, playground and exercise equipment. Projects must provide a benefit to the community.