

For the Good of Your Neighborhood

Policies & Guidelines



Starting a Neighborhood Group

The City of Allen Community Enhancement Department manages this program as an extension of the Neighborhood Stabilization initiative and seeks to partner with residents who want to start groups within the boundaries of their neighborhoods. Questions concerning these policies should be directed to the Neighborhood Planning Division in the Community Enhancement Department at Enhancement@AllenTX.gov.

While neighborhood groups can focus on a wide range of interests, to qualify for inclusion on a neighborhood webpage, a group must (1) be open to all neighborhood residents, and (2) address one of the following categories.

- *Service* – Examples include Neighbors-helping-neighbors, Handyman services, Wellness checks.
- *Safety* – Examples include Crime Watch, Safe walks to school, Emergency preparedness.
- *Social* – Examples include Bike Clubs, Block parties, Holiday displays, Block competitions, Walking groups.
- *Beatification* – Examples include Entryway improvements, Lawn of the month club, Litter pickup.

Businesses, private fundraising, faith-based initiatives, and membership solicitation (private sector or public sector), and similar activities will not be considered. The City reserves the right to select which groups are included and the right to modify wording and how the information is presented or posted on the neighborhood website.

Application Process

Follow this simple process below to start a neighborhood group. Generally, it takes about 3-5 business days to complete the process depending on residents' availability.

1. Read and agree to these policies and guidelines.
2. Complete the ["For the Good" Neighborhood Groups Application](#).
3. Meet with City staff online or by phone to confirm your application details.