Danville Neighborhood Associations

Center City

First Thursday – 7:00pm Central Christian Church 1101 N. Vermilion St. Bill Wallpe, President 1132 N. Walnut St. (217) 443-6626

Elmwood Community Playground & Civic Group

Second Thursday – 5:00pm Elmwood Community Center Charles & Mia Cheney 1307 Parkview Dr. (217) 274-1571

Holiday Hills

Second Thursday – 6:00pm Meet April thru October Holiday Hills Methodist Church 1700 N. Bowman Ave. John Beninati, President 1106 Skyline Dr. (217) 443-8069 or 260-4129

Lincoln Park

Third Thursday – 7:00pm Meet May, July & September Friendly Town (Lincoln Park) Brenda Dwiggins, President 1012 N. Logan Ave. (217) 431-0092

Meadowlawn Area

Third Monday – 6:30pm Meet April thru October 511 Meadowlawn Ave. Kenneth Cox, President 511 Meadowlawn Ave. (217) 443-6972

Oaklawn-Fairweight

Second Monday – 6:30pm Meet April thru October 111 Cronkhite Ave. Nancy O'Kane, President 111 Cronkhite Ave. (217) 442-3419

Rabbittown 1

Third Monday – 6:30pm Meet April thru October Knights of Columbus Hall 310 Bryan Ave. Mary Ann Pettigrew 503 S. Buchanan St. (217) 446-2190

Rabbittown Enhancement

Third Saturday – 3:00pm Meet March thru October 507 Commercial St. Dennis Dunavan (217) 904-3803

Shady Lane

No Scheduled Meetings Wayne Haugen, President 15 Shady Lane

Stone Arch Bridge

No Scheduled Meetings Shirlee Fraley (217) 443-2203

Vermilion Heights

First Thursday – 6:30pm Meet April thru October Battle Focus Ministry Church 501 Cunningham Ave. Sandy Hufford, President 401 Avenue C (217) 446-6115

West Downtown

Fourth Thursday – 6:30pm Various Locations Sandy Calhoun, President 428 Franklin St. (217) 304-8876



Mission:

DNLC is an organization of neighborhood association presidents whose mission is to improve the quality of life within their neighborhood by empowering its members to link with various City of Danville departments. As we band together, our community voice becomes united to more strongly help accomplish our goals.

Vision:

We aspire to:

- Provide opportunities to exchange information, ideas, and events.
- Help meet the collective needs of each neighborhood association and increase community togetherness.
- Enhance the way in which nuisances and other non-criminal problems are reported to the Environmental Code Enforcement Inspectors.
- Provide neighborhood pride through physical beautification efforts.
- ➤ Be the driving force behind our Annual Spring Neighborhood Workshop.
- Provide speaker lists, important reminders, and City Council updates.

Joín a Neighborhood Associatíon Today

"You don't have to move to live in a better neighborhood."



"Making a difference in the neighborhood."

Role of a Neighborhood Association

Neighborhoods – defined as a group of homes surrounded by a geographic boundary – are critical to the social, economic and political foundation of a city.

Each neighborhood takes its identity from the people who live, work or otherwise have an interest in the area. Citizens are stakeholders in the well-being of their respective community and are crucial to making neighborhoods more enjoyable, livable and satisfying.

Neighborhood associations, although voluntary, are vital. They channel information to help deter criminal activity, clean up blighted areas and empower citizens by speaking as one voice about their concerns to city government. Neighborhood associations may be organized at any time with the support of residents and stakeholders of the association's geographic area. Its members may include residents, local businesses, faith-based organizations, schools and others located within its boundaries and who have vested interest in the area.

As a group, citizens ultimately bear ownership of the role of ensuring the vitality, health and safety of their neighborhood. Citizens who take an active role in enhancing and sustaining livability of their area ensure that their quality of life meets expectations.

A citizen's involvement can be as minute as removing trash from the sidewalks to serving in an elected office. Both examples are important – <u>the</u> **key is to participate in the process.**

Benefits of a Neighborhood Association

- ▶ Build a sense of community among neighbors.
- ► Provide the neighborhood with an effective communications link to government officials.
- ► Address a particular issue of the neighborhood.
- ► Empowers residents to work together in improving their neighborhood with issues such as physical improvements, street improvements, speed controls, Neighborhood Watch and various concerns.

Why Should I Join a Neighborhood Association?

- Neighborhood associations are volunteer organizations that thrive and grow when everyone (that's you!!) is involved.
- ► Neighborhood associations allow you to be an active part of your neighborhood and help improve the quality of life for you, your neighbors, and the City of Danville.
- Have a stronger voice! Whether you can be an active participant or a supportive member, your help is needed!

Strength in numbers

When we represent our neighborhood to City, County, and State Governments, our membership numbers are a critical component in the strength of our voice.

Current issues

Another reason to join is to lend support in current issues.

Past successes

Successes are an indicator of the amount of time, effort and dedication that members of neighborhood associations have given to their communities. Some of these efforts are ongoing while others have been completed. For those that have been completed, their status is monitored over the years.

City of Danville's Role

Mayor Scott Eisenhauer is a strong supporter of neighborhood associations. He has assigned specific City of Danville staff who work with and encourage citizens to become active participants in determining the destiny of their neighborhoods. The City of Danville staff work with citizens to organize new neighborhood associations as well as to re-energize established groups.

City of Danville

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