Dear Neighb

A message from Mayor Dan Devine

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414-543-0587 rreinke@westalliswi.gov community events! It's been great to see so many of you out and about enjoying the

It's been a busy summer filled with

Food Truck Fridays, the Summer

community we've worked hard to build. As we approach the winter/spring season, I want to encourage you to keep building on the successes we've had this season. One area we could grow is with our Neighborhood Associations. We're currently a City of nearly 60,000 diverse people with over 20 distinct neighborhoods but only seven active neighborhood associations, and two more in the works.

Concert Series, and many successful

Neighborhood Associations can do amazing things for our community. In the spring and summer, some of our associations have planted pollinator/butterfly gardens, organized neighborhood clean-ups, installed Little Free Libraries, hosted beer gardens, BBQs, and block parties, and so much more, but they're just as important in fall and winter, too. Associations can organize food and clothing drives for those in need, help neighbors with snow removal, or host pancake breakfasts to keep spirits up in our colder, darker months. The opportunities are endless, but we need your help! If you want to meet your neighbors,

impact your community, and build a stronger





and safer West Allis, consider joining one of the existing Neighborhood Associations or starting one of your own. The time required is completely flexible depending on what the association determines, meaning it could be low commitment if you choose it to be. All it takes is a casual connection between neighbors to get started! From there, you can expand to include more neighbors in the conversation. Leverage social media, in-person communications, or host informal gatherings to start to get your neighbors together and get them talking. In these early stages, there's no formal process, and the only way to go wrong is to stop trying! Once you have a small group together, we detail the next steps on how to become formally recognized by the City on our website. Formally recognized neighborhood associations are even eligible for grant money to get you started in bringing your visions for the community to life.

Many of the existing neighborhood associations are actively looking for new members, so I encourage you to visit www.WestAllisWl. gov/NeighborhoodAssociations to see if there's an association near you to get started. Our active associations include: Conrad Gardens, East Allis, Liberty Heights Park, Rosehill, Wood Dale, Rainbow Gardens, and Orchard Hills. We're hoping to add LaFollette and Honey Creek soon, and even more with you at the helm in the future.

Sincerely.

Van Devine

Neighborhood Associations



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