



The City of Kwinana invites community members to host a Neighbour Day Every Day activity.

MORE IDEAS AVAILABLE ON CITY WEBSITE

- The activity could be a simple BBQ in the park or a game of front yard cricket
- Blank invitations and resources provided
- Borrow an activity box for free from the City, including giant Connect4, giant Jenga and sporting equipment

www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/neighbourday

Contact: City Officers at City of Kwinana on 9439 0258.

- 48. **Street tree:** decorate a significant tree in your street and dedicate it to be a street Christmas tree. Invite your neighbours to also decorate the tree.
- 49. **Roaming morning tea:** get together with your neighbours and plan a roaming morning tea every month. Each time, a different neighbour hosts the morning tea and everyone brings a plate of food to share.
- 50. **Car washing day:** set up an area for the children in the street to wash the neighbours' cars. Invite your neighbours to bring their cars over through a letterbox drop.
- 51. **DIY mud kitchen:** children love mud kitchens. Set up a mud kitchen in the front yard and invite the neighbours to bring their children to play in it. Parents can have a cuppa together while the children play. For examples simply Google mud kitchen ideas.
- 52. **Street history:** interview your neighbours and put together a street history – written or verbal. Some residents may even have some photos of the street from times gone by that you could use.

- 43. **Street cubby building day:** have a cubby building day. Children can work together to build cubbies or visit each other's cubby houses.
- 44. **Wheelie bin decorating:** have a wheelie bin decorating competition using temporary decorations, chalk or other easy-to-clean art. Please note that wheelie bins are the property of the City and it is an offence to permanently mark or damage your bin. Why not use this activity to encourage recycling and responsible waste practices within your street? Contact the City's Waste Minimisation Officer for advice on **9439 0200**.
- 45. **Selfie booth:** set up a marquee with simple props and invite neighbours to come and use the 'selfie booth'. Ask them to share the photos on the street's social media pages.
- 46. **Birthday party for your street:** have a birthday party for your street. It does not have to be a true date, just choose a date and each year that date becomes your street's birthday. Celebrate with a children's style birthday party in the street, in a park or on the front lawn. Invite all of the households on the street. In place of a present, everyone brings a plate of food to share. Go all out and decorate and have party games etc.
- 47. **Walking school bus:** if your street is within walking distance of the local school, allocate a time each morning and afternoon that you will be walking to school. Invite other parents in your street to join you in the walk to school creating a walking school bus.

- 36. **Lego:** put a blanket and some boxes of Lego in the front yard and invite the neighbours to come and build with Lego. No one is ever too old to build with Lego.
- 37. **Rhymetime or Storytime:** hold a Rhymetime or Storytime in your front yard. Invite your neighbours through a letterbox drop. Neighbours can take turns in running each one.
- 38. **Nerf gun war:** Have a Nerf Gun war in the front yard. Invite neighbours to bring along their Nerf guns and bullets and join in with the kids to have a battle.
- 39. **Homework club:** start a homework club where children can do their homework together and help each other. This is especially good if you have neighbours from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds as it can sometimes be difficult for parents to help their children with their homework. Include neighbours without children as they may enjoy helping children in ways such as listening to them read.
- 40. **Card game:** invite your neighbours to a street card game. Set up a table in the front yard or a park and invite neighbours to come along and play some cards.
- 41. **Kite flying afternoon:** host a kite flying afternoon in the street or local park.
- 42. **Easter egg hunt:** invite your neighbours to participate in a street wide Easter egg hunt. You can ask those who say they will participate to donate a packet of Easter eggs to reduce the cost.

- 31. **Photography competition and/or exhibition:** invite neighbours to take photos of the things they love about their street. Exhibit the photos in the street and ask a local elected member or other person of interest to judge. Request a donated prize from a local business and host a celebration for the photography competition.
- 32. **Stargazing night:** get all of the children out into the street or front yards to do stargazing. This will work best if the house lights are off to reduce light pollution. If any of the residents own binoculars or a telescope, bring them out. You can find out when interesting things are happening in our night sky from the Perth Observatory.
- 33. **Culture nights:** if there are people living in your street from diverse backgrounds, suggest hosting culture nights where you celebrate someone's culture. Have a meal, play music and maybe have a performance from their culture. Do this throughout the year for each culture represented on your street. Don't forget to celebrate your own culture as well.
- 34. **Fairy lights:** put fairy lights in trees in your front yard and invite your neighbours to do the same. You can even host a get together under the lights once they are up.
- 35. **Street cricket:** host a game of cricket in yours and your neighbours' front yards. Invite all of the children and parents to get involved.

52 Ways to Connect with your Neighbours

- 1. Reclaim your corners:** organise a long table lunch. Invite every house on your street and ask them to bring a plate of food to share.
- 2. Listening booth:** create a listening booth in your street by creating a seating area and listening to your neighbours' stories. See if your neighbours are interested in recording oral histories of your street.
- 3. Chalk drawings:** get some boxes of chalk and ask your neighbours and their children to decorate your street (get permission before using driveways). Extend the activity by having a street art competition. Don't forget road safety.
- 4. Decorative verandahs:** decorate your front verandah and invite your neighbours to do the same. Make up an invitation and put it in your neighbours' letterboxes.
- 5. Street swap meet:** organise a street swap meet in your garage to exchange items you no longer need or use. Invite all of your neighbours to attend.
- 6. Plant swap:** organise a plant swap day and invite your neighbours to take cuttings from your garden and you could take some from theirs.
- 7. Verge planting day:** organise a street verge planting day. Be proud of where you live! Access the City's Adopt a Verge program by calling **9439 0200**.
- 8. Street fundraiser:** get your street to support a worthy cause and crowd fund it.
- 9. Ice-cream party:** organise a street ice-cream party. Each household brings a different flavour of ice-cream to share.
- 10. Book and magazine swap:** organise a street book and magazine swap day.
- 11. Walking group:** start a walking group – with or without dogs – where children in prams and on bikes are welcome.
- 12. Social media:** create a closed street Facebook, WhatsApp or Instagram group. Invite your neighbours to join via a letterbox drop. Share ideas, swap items or services and support each other.
- 13. Treasure hunt:** organise a street treasure hunt and finish up with a BBQ.
- 14. Talent show:** organise a street talent show for the kids to perform to a captivated audience. Everyone can bring refreshments.
- 15. Hello Cards:** children can create a 'hello card' and put it in a neighbour's letterbox. Each household with children creates them for different houses, particularly for residents who don't have children or live on their own.
- 16. Work exchange:** you can offer to mow your neighbour's lawn this month in exchange they can mow your lawn next month or you could swap other services. This saves people money on services while cultivating friendships.
- 17. Front yard sporting match viewing:** bring the TV into the front yard and neighbours come together to watch the match. Everyone brings their own refreshments.
- 18. Pot luck dinner:** everyone brings a dish to share. This could be in a home, backyard, front yard or as a long table dinner.
- 19. Street directory:** include everyone's contact details and ask each person to provide a funky fact about themselves to make it fun. You can even include a section where people can write what they are interested in being involved in.
- 20. Roaming Gnome:** this is a street gnome that roams the street. If the gnome ends up in your yard, it's your turn to relocate him. Try to be as creative as you can to make it fun. Maybe the gnome will be greeting the postman!
- 21. Random acts of kindness:** encourage your children to do random acts of kindness for others in the street - particularly the elderly, those who live on their own or new residents.
- 22. Street book exchange/library:** build a street exchange box. It can be as simple or as fancy as you like. Neighbours can then swap books, magazines, jigsaw puzzles or board games.
- 23. Bunnings gardening workshop:** some Bunnings stores host free community garden workshops for groups. You and your neighbours can learn tips and tricks for DIY or gardening. Contact your local Bunnings Activity Organiser for more information.
- 24. Community project:** develop a community project for your whole street. Example: build bird feeders for the trees in your street.
- 25. Book club:** start up a book club by inviting your neighbours along for an afternoon tea. Take turns choosing a book to read. Meet as often as suits you and your neighbours.
- 26. Communal fruit trees:** plant fruit trees in your front yard and invite others in your street to do the same. Children can pick fruit whenever they like. The more varieties of tree in the street, the less fruit people need to buy and the more fruit children will eat.
- 27. Garage sale:** invite all your neighbours to come together for a combined garage sale on the same day.
- 28. Front yard movie night:** set up the TV, or projector if someone has one, set up chairs and blankets, make popcorn and have a family movie night. Families can bring a picnic dinner, drinks and snacks.
- 29. Walking tour:** if a resident knows about the history of your area, they can lead a walking tour for all of the newer residents.
- 30. Compost bin or worm farm:** create a communal street compost or worm farm for everyone's vegetable waste. Some residents will need to take the lead on this one to ensure it is managed properly. Everyone can share the compost or worm juice that is produced. Make use of the City's composting and worm farm workshops. Call **9439 0200** for more information.

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Know ?

The City of Kwinana can help you with..

- **Borrowing Community dishes.**
- **Requesting Community Safety Packs.**
- **Requesting invitations.**
- **Borrowing some giant games.**
- **Want to have a theme party?** Don't forget to head to the library with over 40 children's costumes to borrow!
- **Borrow a street activation kit** which includes, bunting, solar lights, chalk and lots more.
- **Thinking of playing some old street games?** Don't forget to head to the library and borrow them!

All resources are free but subject to availability.