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## Welcome Neighbourhood Connector!

As someone who cares about your neighbourhood and makes efforts to bring neighbours together, you understand the value of knowing and being connected to one another. A strong connected neighbourhood fosters a sense of belonging, improves personal safety, provides mental and emotional support and helps children and youth thrive. The relationships that grow from our neighbour-to-neighbour connections help us understand and celebrate our similarities and differences so that the diversity in all our neighbourhoods is embraced and celebrated. Everyone feels welcome!

By becoming a Neighbourhood Connector, you are joining a larger community effort that aims to build a sense of community and connectedness on every street, apartment and condominium complex in St. Albert. This is one of five values that emerged during community consultations for the St. Albert Social Master Plan. We can achieve this together.

As a Neighbourhood Connector, you will have access to resources, ideas and neighbourhood building tools to help grow the connectedness in your neighbourhood. You will also have opportunities to link with other Neighbourhood Connectors to share ideas and help build the overall Neighbourhood Connector initiative.

You are now on your way to building a sense of community and connectedness in your neighbourhood. Thank you for doing this important work and strengthening our community.

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## Being a Neighbourhood Connector is Easy!

### You are already doing it!

Neighbourhood Connectors are people who naturally seek and build relationships with their neighbours. As a Neighbourhood Connector, you:

- Know some or most of your neighbours
- May help them connect to one another through social gatherings such as Block Parties
- Are a contact person for your street, apartment or condo complex
- Share your neighbourhood building ideas with others

### Let's do it together!

When you sign-up as a Neighbourhood Connectors you will now have access to ideas, resources and a supportive team. This will include:

- **Welcome Package** – You will receive a Welcome Package to get you started, that includes helpful resources such as a template for a letter of introduction and your neighbourhood contact list.
- **Direct Connection to Resources** – As a Neighbourhood Connector, you will be connected to resources to help make your neighbourhood a great place to live. This includes access to: Neighbourhood Network gatherings, mentors, information sessions, on-line tools and more.

### Getting started

As a Neighbourhood Connector you are encouraged to:

1. Introduce yourself as the Neighbourhood Connector
2. Make a Neighbourhood Contact List
3. Initiate or plan social gatherings
4. Invite others to help
5. Help neighbours connect with one another

### Build it together

The Neighbourhood Connectors initiative is new in St. Albert and we need your help to build it. As you start getting connecting, let's share what works, what doesn't work and what other resources or support you might need.





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Hi Neighbour!

My name is Jane Smith. I live on your street at number 13. In 2017, The Neighbourhood Network and the City of St. Albert launched a new **Neighbourhood Connector** initiative. The goal is to identify at least one person on every street, apartment and condo complex who is willing to be the Neighbourhood Connector for their area. ***I have volunteered to be one of the “Alpine Street Connectors.”***

As a Neighbourhood Connector, I hope to help neighbours meet and know one another. I plan to:

- Create a contact list so we can reach a neighbour in a time of need.
- Set up a way for us to communicate regularly - maybe through social media
- Work with the Block Party Organizers to help facilitate social events in our neighbourhood throughout the year.
- Help you connect to other available resources in our community.

It is important to know and be connected to our neighbours for the health, safety & enjoyment of everyone in our neighbourhood:

- A contact list means we know who lives at what property, and who we can call if we see something is amiss.
- Regular communication and social events, means we feel more confident talking to a neighbour, asking them for help, sharing tools and talents, and allowing our children more freedom to move around the neighbourhood.
- Watching out for suspicious activity or crimes. Not only can we report these activities, but we can be alerted to issues that are happening in our area.

My first step to Neighbourhood Connection will be (creating a contact list, hosting a Block Party or soup night, or whatever works for you!)

I look forward to talking to everyone. Please feel free to contact me directly at [myemail@gmail.com](mailto:myemail@gmail.com) or by phone at 780-123-4567.

Your Neighbour,  
Jane Smith