

# CALLING ALL FALLS NEIGHBORS!

## HOW YOU CAN HELP (either a little or a lot).



From picking up litter to keeping an eye on your vacationing neighbor's home, there is a role for everyone to play in our quest for neighborhood excellence. At the end of the day, the neighbors and residents who live here make this community great. The city is you!

### BECOME A NEIGHBORHOOD AMBASSADOR or consider nominating a neighbor you know.

**Neighborhood Ambassadors serve as a local point-person** for excellence in their respective corner of the city. As the eyes and ears for their individual neighborhood, Ambassadors will keep their finger on the pulse of pressing issues and concerns – promoting improvements, identifying problems, and informing neighbors about beneficial services and programs.

**Ambassadors may volunteer just a little bit of free time**, or choose to devote significant efforts toward neighborhood projects that connect neighbors. Organize a block party or help build community by chatting over the fence or online through Nextdoor.com.

**Neighborhood Ambassadors receive ongoing support and guidance from the city** with numerous resources for organizing neighborhoods and connecting neighbors. Information is available online and at City Hall.

**By building a citywide team of neighborhood-level leaders**, the cumulative impact of this positive force will expand. Ultimately, the neighbors who volunteer as Ambassadors lay the groundwork for lasting excellence and long-term community pride.



### Other Ways to Help.

- ✓ **Sign Up Today for City Updates**  
Staying in the loop with City Hall has never been quicker or easier – sign up for CFO Alerts at [cityofcf.com](http://cityofcf.com).
- ✓ **Enhance Your Neighborhood in Ways Small or Large**  
Small things like picking up litter add up quickly, while more substantial improvements can leave a lasting, positive impact on the entire neighborhood and increase home values.
- ✓ **Report Suspicious Activity or Newly Vacant Homes**  
You know your neighborhood best – if something doesn't look right, report it promptly.
- ✓ **Drive Safely & Slowly Through Neighborhoods & School Zones**  
When a child or pet is near the road, please drive carefully. Add a reminder to the front of your home or business by picking up a free Drive Slow yard sign at City Hall.
- ✓ **Thank You for Being a Mindful Neighbor**  
Neighborhoodly behavior really just takes a little bit of common sense and courtesy, but following the rules on matters like parking and barking dogs goes a long way toward peace in the neighborhood. Look for *Friendly Tips for Strong Neighborhoods* online.
- ✓ **Show Your Support for Neighborhood Excellence in the Real World or Online**  
Demonstrate your support for neighborhood excellence by talking with a neighbor or posting an example of neighborhoodly behavior on social media. #CFLife, #CFParks, #LifesBetterHereCF, or #NeighborhoodExcellenceCF.



### SIGN UP OR NOMINATE AN AMBASSADOR TODAY!

Email [NeighborhoodExcellence@cityofcf.com](mailto:NeighborhoodExcellence@cityofcf.com), call (330) 971-8000, or go online to [cityofcf.com/NeighborhoodExcellence](http://cityofcf.com/NeighborhoodExcellence).



## TOGETHER, WE ARE EVEN STRONGER.

Dear Neighbors,

**This brochure provides useful information about current services** that may help you or a neighbor and outlines a variety of ways you can help including joining our team of Neighborhood Ambassadors.

**There is little question that our diverse blend of safe and friendly neighborhoods serve as the backbone of our community.** Whether you live in a house, condo, duplex, or apartment, we all have a stake in the long-term health and vitality of our neighborhoods. We need to continue to build upon our strengths in ways that reinforce our neighborhoods.

**The Neighborhood Excellence Initiative began** with a handful of everyday citizens brainstorming about ways to make sure all neighborhoods receive the resources and attention needed to flourish. I am proud to continue this work with residents and city council, to further our goal of achieving excellence.

**The collective goal of the Neighborhood Excellence Initiative is to ensure a strong, safe, and vibrant future for Cuyahoga Falls neighborhoods.** We strive to turn this vision into a reality through citizen engagement, neighborhood empowerment, and strategic investment. Now, I ask for your help in walking the path of excellence.

**This brochure provides useful information about current programs and services that may help you or a neighbor** and outlines a variety of ways you can help. By working together, we protect our property values, improve our quality of life, and ensure that Cuyahoga Falls remains a wonderful place to live, raise a family, and enjoy retirement for generations to come!



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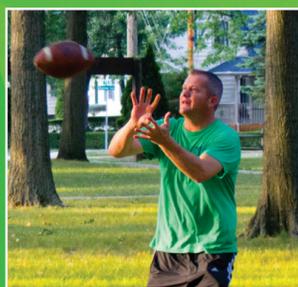


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DON WALTERS, MAYOR

## THE NEIGHBORHOOD EXCELLENCE INITIATIVE

Strong, Safe & Vibrant  
Neighborhoods are the lifeblood of  
Our thriving community.

INSIDE:  
How YOU can help!



## WHAT IS THE NEIGHBORHOOD EXCELLENCE INITIATIVE?

The Neighborhood Excellence Initiative inspires citizen engagement and connects residents and businesses with services and activities designed to reinforce strong, safe, and vibrant neighborhoods.

The three keys to neighborhood excellence are:

### 1 CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT

All residents have a stake in quality neighborhoods. Providing program information to and enlisting the participation of citizens promotes a greater sense of community engagement.

### 2 NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT

Community pride begins at the street block level. The city partners with Neighborhood Ambassadors who focus on issues and improvements from the ground up - to help shape bright futures for our neighborhoods.

### 3 STRATEGIC INVESTMENT

Utilizing resources efficiently for neighborhoods such as paving streets, implementing safety programs, and investing in parks, reinforces a positive and lasting impact on where we live.

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# THE NEIGHBORHOOD EXCELLENCE INITIATIVE

TOGETHER, we can ensure a STRONG, SAFE & VIBRANT future for Cuyahoga Falls neighborhoods!

## EXCELLENCE IN ACTION: Why Neighborhoods Are Better Here

### INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS to STRENGTHEN NEIGHBORHOODS & BENEFIT RESIDENTS

It can be hard to keep track of the many inventive programs working to promote neighborhood excellence in our community. Here is an overview of some of the many programs available to you:

#### CARING CITIZENS, COMMUNITY PRIDE & ABUNDANT BEAUTY

A tradition of support for civic organizations and charitable causes underscores the caring spirit among neighbors. One source of pride in our community is the natural beauty of our town, fostering a culture of conservation.



- Adopt-A-Spot Beautification Program
- Arts Collaborators: ArtsNow & Collide CF
- Fair Housing Advocacy
- Honorary Boulevard Service Award
- Keep Cuyahoga Falls Beautiful
- Neighbor Mediation Program
- Neighborhood Ambassador Program
- New Homeowner Welcome Packet
- Residential Tax Incentives
- Tree City U.S.A.
- Veteran Burial Services

#### LOW UTILITY BILLS & ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

Residents benefit from low utility rates thanks to our municipal water and electric departments. The city's promotion of energy efficiency tools reduces our carbon footprint while lowering monthly bills.



- Commercial & Industrial Energy Efficiency Incentives
- EcoSmart Choice Renewable Energy Reinforcement Program
- Energy Efficiency Kits
- Home Energy Audits
- Housing Rehabilitation Loans
- Lead Abatement Removal Program
- Lightbulb Giveaway
- New Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate
- Textile & Small Appliance Recycling
- VITA & AARP Income Tax Assistance Days
- Yard Waste & Standard Recycling Carts

#### OUTSTANDING CITY PARKS & HEALTHY LIFESTYLES MADE EASY

Each neighborhood is within walking distance to one of our twenty-five quality city park sites. These resources coupled with our partner, Western Reserve Hospital, make healthy lifestyle choices easy.



- 10 O'clock Talks Health Discussions
- Arboretum Tree Planting
- Art & Athletic Activities
- Cuyahoga Falls Community Gardens
- Cuyahoga Falls Partnership for Parks
- Doctor's Order Healthy Eating Choices
- Farmers' Market in the Falls
- Free Silver & Prime Fitness Memberships to the Natatorium & Water Works Family Aquatic Center
- "Not Me, I'm Drug Free" Pledge Program
- River Cleanup Days



#### PROTECTION & PEACE OF MIND FROM TOP-RATE SAFETY FORCES

Our neighborhoods are protected by first responders who deliver safety services that are second to none, keep our streets safe, and provide peace of mind.

- Bicycle Patrol
- Crime Fighters Anonymous Tip Line
- Crossing Guard Program
- Dispose of Unused Medications Properly (D.U.M.P.) Drop Location
- Drive Slow Safe Driving Promotion
- Envelope of Life Preparedness Program
- Internet Purchase Exchange Location
- Senior Watch Elderly Checkup
- Smoke Detector Installation Program



#### SUPERIOR SERVICES WITH A MIND ON INFRASTRUCTURE

Every Cuyahoga Falls neighborhood receives exceptional city services, delivered like clockwork year-round. The city pays attention to needed road repairs and prioritizes street projects.

- Annual Paving Program
- Fall Curbside Leaf Pickup
- Senior Snow Removal Program
- Sidewalk Improvement Program
- Stormwater Inspections
- Street Maintenance & Repair Program
- Weekly & Bulk Trash & Recycling Pickups



#### CULTIVATING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERSHIP FOR THE RIVER CITY

We all want the best for young people growing up in our neighborhoods. Providing today's young residents with opportunities, input, and enrichment will help them grow into tomorrow's leaders.

- City Internship Program
- Mayor's Youth Advisory Council
- Partnership Between the City & Cuyahoga Falls & Woodridge School Systems
- Part-time Summer Employment Opportunities
- Safety Town
- Summit County Fatherhood Initiative



#### FREQUENT COMMUNICATIONS TO KEEP RESIDENTS INFORMED

Providing citizens with the latest information on neighborhood issues, community events, and beneficial resident programs is an ongoing priority.

- CFO Alerts - City Email & Text Updates
- City Newsletters & Calendar of Events
- First Tuesday - Open Meetings with the Mayor
- Modern City Website with Frequent Updates & Numerous Online Services: [cityofcf.com](http://cityofcf.com)
- Parks & Recreation Activity Guide
- Take 10 - Neighborhood Conversations with Mayor Walters
- Utility Bill Informational Inserts

Please visit [cityofcf.com](http://cityofcf.com) or call (330) 971-8000 for more information on these and other services & activities that make our neighborhoods strong, safe & vibrant.

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