

SOME OF THE "JOBS" OF ACTIVE NEIGHBORING

1) NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY

- A) neighborhood watch
- B) neighborhood patrol
- C) video surveillance
- D) digital photos of suspicious people/vehicles
- E) interaction with beat cop; direct phone line
- F) whistle alert
- G) security education: crime prevention checklist; newsletter

2) NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

- A) delivered to 1000 households--low tech

3) INTERACTIVE WEBSITE

- A) unique URL for this neighborhood
- B) links to adjoining neighborhood websites

4) CHILD CARE

- A) baby-sitting
- B) latch-key kid supervision
- C) part-time jobs for teenagers

5) COMMUTING / TRANSPORTATION

- A) who goes where & when?
- B) regular daily commutes
 - (1) work commutes
 - (2) school commutes
- C) fun/activity commutes
 - (1) weekly meetings
 - (2) sports events
- D) occasional events or appointments
 - (1) taxi or van service?
 - (2) rides to the airport
 - (3) pick up visitors

6) MAPPING

- A) know immediate households around you:
 - (1) name/phone/vehicles/abilities & disabilities/pets
 - (2) 3 houses across the street; 1 house on either side;
3 houses in back of you
- B) geographical & natural features

7) SPORTS & EXERCISE

- A) spectators
 - (1) go to games together
 - (2) Super Bowl parties
- B) participants
 - (1) baseball / football / basketball / soccer
 - (2) neighborhood walking group
 - (3) neighborhood biking group
- C) coaching
 - (1) teams
 - (2) individual training

8) EMERGENCY HELP

- A) immediate response
 - (1) Volunteer fire department
 - (2) neighborhood CPR classes
- B) rescue
 - (1) by neighbors who know you
- C) fire specific
 - (1) preparation
 - (a) 200-foot hoses--every 10 houses
 - (b) cisterns / swimming pools / jacuzzis
 - (2) prevention
 - (a) brush clearing parties
- D) earthquake specific
 - (1) personal injury/property damage prevention
 - (2) earthquake retrofit
 - (3) immediate cell-phone communication between people at work or school & neighbors at home
 - (4) sharing or common storage of emergency food/water/fuel/batteries/etc.

9) SAVINGS & FINANCIAL BENEFITS

- A) food co-ops
- B) vacation time-shares
- C) *see also: (10) REAL ESTATE; (16) JOINT HIRING; (17) TOOL SHARING; (20) INSURANCE; (22) CONSTRUCTION etc.*

10) REAL ESTATE

- A) sell to neighbors' friends & relatives before listing with a realtor on MLS
- B) sell to people who are currently renting in the neighborhood
- C) property values will be supported and enhanced by many of the activities on this list

11) NEIGHBORHOOD AFFINITY GROUPS--HOBBIES, RECREATION, COMMON INTERESTS

- A) book clubs
- B) movie clubs
- C) theater clubs
- D) cooking clubs
- E) gardening clubs
- F) art classes
- G) writing groups
- H) national identity groups--where are you from?
- I) discussion groups: philosophy, current events, etc.

12) WHEN YOUR NEIGHBOR IS AWAY

- A) sign for delivery of neighbor's U.P.S., FedEx, U.S.P.S packages
- B) open the house & be present for installations or major repairs (satellite dish, cable, new carpet, interior painting, plumbing)
- C) vacation time: pet care, yard care, collect the mail & newspapers, keep an eye on the place)

13) VOLUNTEER ACTION WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

- A) fundraising
- B) Rebuilding America
- C) holiday caring at hospitals
- D) repair & repaint local schools

14) NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP & BEAUTIFICATION

- A) "Big Trash Day"--dumpster provided by city for household junk disposal
- B) street cleanup day
- C) beautify common areas--mini-parks, empty lots
- D) art projects: neighborhood murals, statues

15) COMMUNITY GARDEN

16) JOINT HIRING OF LABOR / TRADESPEOPLE

- A) laborers: three households may each need 2-3 hours of work, so they can jointly hire one person for one day's work
- B) skilled tradespeople: neighborhood can negotiate a group rate. For example, lawn care for 5 houses on one block would be much more efficient for the gardener, so (s)he could charge less
- C) large group discounts: 200 houses would keep a painter busy full-time for life
- D) seasonal: everyone gets their rain gutters cleaned on the same day, for a discount

17) SHARING OF TOOLS

- A) lending of tools that people already own
- B) neighborhood tool library: joint purchase of more expensive or infrequently used tools (e.g, rototiller or 30-foot extension ladder)

18) NEIGHBORHOOD DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- A) mediation or arbitration between neighbors
- B) coordinated efforts to deal with problem homeowners or renters

19) COMMUNITY GET-TOGETHERS

- A) block parties
- B) joint garage sales/yard sales
- C) Labor Day/Memorial Day/July 4th BBQ picnic
- D) Oscar night party
- E) sports events

20) SAVE MONEY ON INSURANCE

- A) quantity discounts for group purchases
- B) homeowner's insurance discounted due to active neighboring:
- C) health & life insurance discounted due to active neighboring leading to enhanced quality of life?
see also: (7) SPORTS & EXERCISE; (11) AFFINITY GROUPS [social interaction is healthy]; (19) COMMUNITY GET-TOGETHERS [parties are good for you!]

21) NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORIAN

22) GROUP CONSTRUCTION

- A) neighbors pooling their time & talents to complete big home improvement projects on one another's homes
- B) "barn-raising": the whole community working together for one day on a worthwhile project