

Hello Hub Champions:

It was good to be together on Wednesday evening. Here is a quick summary of our meeting.



Update:

We are all finding ways to be active in our neighbourhoods

- Rick handed out cards in the apartment building he is working with
- Val chats up with neighbours while they are out hanging out Christmas lights
- Others are intentionally chatting with neighbours and beginning to fill in their neighbourhood maps
- Keep it up everyone!
- Hilda made a presentation at city council which was very well received; council wholeheartedly encouraged us to keep growing this movement.

Carol Ford shared how a connected community has developed in Rolling Meadows.

She gave us 3 overall tips:

- 1) Set up a private Facebook group where folks can post needs, events, updates;
 - Set guidelines/rules about who and what can be posted.
- 2) Organize some community events:
 - Garage sales, street parties, parades (especially during Covid)
 - Partner with a local church or other organization.
- 3) Lead by example
 - Welcome new neighbours
 - Be very intentional about being outside
 - Address needs if able;
 - ask for help, ie I need a ladder or some sugar.

Brainstorming Christmas ideas (covid friendly)

- Send Christmas Cards
- Car parade
- Handing out plants or small gifts; include your info and desire to connect
- Cookie mix in a Jar
- Baked goods (maybe only the neighbours you know well)

- Caroling
- Art/ craft kits for kids
- Handout bags of Christmas treats to neighbours; include your contact info
- Chat with neighbours while they are hanging up Christmas decorations.
- If you looking to keep connecting with those on your street, maybe a Facebook Group or WhatsApp group. Ask for permission before passing out neighbours information.

Neighbourhood Champions Facebook page

Karen has agreed to put a private Facebook page for us as champions where we can regularly post ideas, post pictures of what you are doing in the neighbourhood;
Stay tuned for more info to come

Resources:

Val, who was unable to attend the meeting, suggested following Tamarack Institute for some, helpful resources; [Tamarack Institute \(tamarackcommunity.ca\)](http://tamarackcommunity.ca)

We will be in touch in the new year. In the meantime:

Have a very Blessed Christmas and may God smile on you and your neighbourhood in 2021