

Community Relations – final September 2012

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Community Relations Committee is to create a deep sense of community and neighborliness among the Town's residents. The committee organizes activities and events aimed at residents of all ages and interests; communicates to Town residents the information they need to be active participants in the Town; and helps residents reach out to their Town government so that it will be responsive to their needs and concerns. The committee also provides opportunities for community service.

Completed

- Create and publish a handbook describing municipal government in the Town (provided by Town Manager); I.1.c.1-3
- Provide information on Town's distinctive character to residents (provided during FAR process; see Jakubiak report)
- Institute block captain program to educate residents on community security and emergency issues; I.2.D
- Review & modify handbook describing municipal government (2nd edition provided by Town Manager); I.1.c.1-3
- Utilize block captains to communicate with residents (see also 1.2.D); I.4.B.1-2

On-going

- Establish programs and events that build community; III.1.B.1-4
- Encourage residents' participation in Town affairs; I.1.B.1
- Educate residents about community safety and emergency preparedness plans; I.2.D
- Review effectiveness of communication used in Town and recommend changes as needed; I.4.A.2
- Expand use of media to communicate with residents; I.4.A.1-2

Future Tasks

- Continue to develop and plan events which would be of interest to residents of various interests and ages in order to foster community spirit and participation.
- Develop process for updating the Town's historical pamphlet for the Centennial; identify areas of research; II.2.B.1
- Create plan for providing information to homeowners/developers on the Town's built environment; II.3.C.1
- Continue to expand Neighborhood Watch program and recruit new block captains.