

Community Relations Committee –final October 2014

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

- Created and published a handbook describing municipal government in the Town.
- Provided information on Town's distinctive character to residents.
- Instituted block captain program to educate residents on community security and emergency issues.
- Reviewed & modified handbook describing municipal government.
- Utilized block captains to communicate with residents (Neighborhood Watch Program).
- Reviewed and updated Town's Contribution Policy.
- Instituted Town Facebook and Twitter accounts.

On-going

- Establish programs and events that build community.
 - Continue to develop and plan events of interest to residents of various interests and ages.
- Encourage residents' participation in Town affairs.
- Educate residents about community safety and emergency preparedness plans.
- Review effectiveness of communication used in Town and recommend changes as needed.
- Continue to consider ways to expand use of media to communicate with residents.
- Continue to expand Neighborhood Watch program and recruit new block captains.

Future Tasks

- Develop process for updating the Town's historical pamphlet for the 2018 Centennial; identify areas of research.

Special Tasks for '14-'15

- Work with the Land Use Committee to explore opportunities for expanding play areas in Town, with particular attention to toddler lots.