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Without a doubt, encouraging unity and positive change for a better future in our world starts with connecting with your local community. After all, anybody can be in a community, but actually being *part* of your community is a lifestyle choice. And because the internet has redefined how neighborhoods interact, the ability to connect and impact your community is now easier than ever.

By magnifying your voice in the neighborhood with this revolutionary digital interface, you can quickly transform your community goals into tangible expectations. Bringing local communities together on one digital platform brings neighborhoods one step closer to global unity and achieving community goals.

However, if you're uncertain about how to get involved or how you can also benefit from the increased sense of community, allow these recommendations to help guide your approach. Getting your feet wet in these aspects will reveal the important role it can play in your life. And the best part is that you can easily do most of these within the comfort of your own home.

# Small Steps Add Up

This first step in <u>making a difference</u> in your corner of the world can be likened to creating a beautiful painting. You don't tackle the full picture at once -- or in this case, the entire world at once. Instead of simply slapping paint haphazardly onto the canvas, you instead start in one small corner or square. Then, step-by-step, you bring the bigger picture to life.

Therefore, positive impact begins by making a difference where you are and allowing that impact to spread from your community influence. Local connectivity is the greatest way to do your part in making the breath-taking picture of global unity a reality. The problem for many who desire to get involved in their neighborhood, though, is they don't know where to start. It can certainly be overwhelming, like a restaurant with vast menu options.

#### Start With Neighborhood Communication

Though it may sound simple, the <u>basic act of communication</u> is an incredibly important initial key to anything, and it's especially true in your neighborhood. You can facilitate communication by introducing yourself to your neighbors, either online or in person. Communicating opens the door to reveal how you can benefit your community and how your community can benefit you.

By familiarizing yourself with your community, you can better understand the needs, desires, and goals of your neighborhood and vice-versa. You'll be surprised at the warm support you'll receive simply by introducing yourself and expressing your thoughts. This can also lead to long-standing friendships that would have otherwise never been possible. That's just one example of having the power of the internet at your fingertips.

## Improved Neighborhood Safety

Being digitally connected to your neighborhood enables you to be better aware and more alert to any suspicious activity that might be happening on your block. Staying connected in this manner ensures that your family and neighborhoods remain safe. This exemplifies how the world wide web has escalated neighborhood watch measures to the next level of neighborhood security.

Furthermore, staying involved in your community's online neighborhood watch also enables you to take an active role in stopping and preventing crime in your neighborhood. With social media becoming ever-prevalent, law enforcement openly utilizes social media as an effective tool for crime prevention. You and your community can be the reason your neighborhood remains safe and family-oriented.

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#### **Planning Fun Neighborhood Events**

Organizing local events has never been easier to publicize and respond to thanks to the advent of social media. With the opportunity to reach thousands in your region alone through these apps and sites, you can share invocation details with the click of a button. Whether you are the poster or attendee, neighborhood event knowledge is at your fingertips.

You have your choices on which platform you decide to share it, too. This community event exposure easily inspires a greater turnout probability. Feel free to use TikTok, Facebook, Instagram, and even Nextdoor to share your events with the public. And as <u>Nextdoor goes public</u> on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) -- joining the ranks of other respectable social media sites -- your organized events can, too.

#### **Sharing Neighborhood Jobs**

Another of the numerous two-fold benefits the digital community provides is employment for neighborhood needs. Whether you or a neighbor need a job done, posting about it online leads to numerous potential helping hands. After all, part of being a good neighbor is helping a neighbor in need. Helping each other also helps lift each other up to achieve and exceed neighborhood goals.

### Your Vital Role

Whether you need help or help needs you, being digitally connected helps fill the holes that complete our community. More importantly, those filled voids help complete one another as one unit striving for a better future. By taking the steps to reach out to your neighbors and getting to know them better, you can help ensure a much safer, happier, and healthier community overall.