

NORTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY

presents



On Saturday, May 18th Northside residents, local businesses, and non-profits will come together to beautify the neighborhood. Each block is invited to apply to receive a prize package with flowers, herbs, and planting materials to beautify their block. Applications are due on May 1st.

You don't need any gardening experience—we will help with planning. We need your energy and enthusiasm to get your neighbors out to make this happen!

Up to 10 blocks can receive this package. In addition to the supplies provided, residents are encouraged to bring their own supplies, ideas, and energy. Awards will be announced on May 5th. Residents from blocks that are not awarded are still encouraged to participate in neighborhood cleanup and the after party at State Street Park.

The block that shows the largest improvement will win the opportunity to work with Volunteers Improving Neighborhood Environments (VINES) to develop a front yard community garden for their block.

Application

Please answer all of the questions. If you don't know how to answer a question or you need assistance please contact Amelia at 206-5873 or come to an informational session in the Roosevelt Elementary Cafeteria on Wednesday April 24th from 6pm-7pm. Check for updates and additional information at [website].

Contact Information

Primary Contact

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Address:

Signatures

Please get signature from at least five people on your block who will help on I Love My Block day. You can attach a separate sheet with more signatures for extra points.

Signature _____ Name _____ Address _____

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Please answer the following questions. If you need more space you can use an additional sheet making sure to include the number of the question you are answering. You can mail or drop off your completed application at the Lee Barta Center, located at 108 Liberty Street.

1. What is your block (street name, cross streets that mark the end of your block)?
2. How many houses are on your block?
3. Are there any businesses or other community based organizations (churches, non-profits) on your block? Please list them.
4. Why do you want your block to participate in this event?
5. Describe your plan to get people from your block involved.
6. How will you make decisions about the distribution of the provided plants and other materials?
7. What additional improvements do you plan to make to your block, and how will you carry them out?
8. What will your block do to help keep the block looking good the rest of the year?

Thanks for your application!

Important Dates

April 24th – Information Session

May 1st – Applications due

May 5th – Awards announced

May 18th – I Love My Block Day

Step 1: Plan

A. Build a Leadership Team

This is the time to start getting your leadership team together, and start thinking about the application questions. Your leadership team should have one person who will be your **Primary Contact**. This is the person who the review committee will contact with any questions about your application. This person will probably also be your team leader—the person who helps make sure that communication is going smoothly between everyone involved, and help coordinate activities. You also need to get the signature of 5 additional people who are willing to help. More signatures are great though—feel free to get more signatures to make your application stronger!

B. Engage Your Neighbors

You will want to try to involve as many other people on your block as you can. Talk to people and find out what issues on your block are important to them. Find out how they want to help and what things they can contribute (time, tools, plants, seeds, compost, topsoil, upkeep, money, etc.). You can use the attached quarter sheet of questions to help you spread the word to your neighbors and find out how they want to help.

Step 2: Apply

A. Make a Draft

Draft your answers to all of the questions. Use the ideas generated from your planning, and the input from your neighbors. If you aren't sure how to answer a question you can try asking your neighbors, other members of your leadership team. You can also contact Percy or Amelia, or attend an **informational session on April 25th from 6 to 7:30 pm at the Roosevelt Elementary School**. Make a list of all the additional information you still need.

You can also check ilovemyblocknorthside.wordpress.com for updates and additional resources.

B. Collect Information

Count the houses on your block. Talk to neighbors to find out who is planning to participate and what things they can bring. Talk about who has space for plantings, and who will water and care for all of the plants. Find out if anyone has a connection to a business or organization that might be able to donate supplies. If you still need supplies you can see if people want to pool resources to purchase them.

Submit your application by mail or drop it off at the Lee Barta Center, located at 108 Liberty Street, by May 1st.

Step 3: Plant, Party, and Beautify!

On the day of the event, besides cleaning and planting, take time to get to know your neighbors, and appreciate the work you are doing together. Take time to say hi to someone you don't know very well from your block. And enjoy being outside with your friends, family, and community!

There will be a **party at State Street Park at 1pm on May 18th** to celebrate when you are finished with your project!

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If you would like to help beautify our block, please answer these questions.

Name _____ Phone _____
Email _____
Address _____

What is the best way to contact you?

How many people in your household can help with cleanup and/or planting on May 18th?

Would you like to help with planning or organizing?

Do you have any of the following supplies that could be used for planting or cleanup?

- Compost
- Flower seeds
- Shovels
- Mulch
- Flower Bulbs
- Other _____
- Potting soil
- Outdoor brooms

Do you have any skills (vegetable gardening, flower gardening, landscaping, etc.) that might be helpful?

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