

BENEFITS AVAILABLE TO Recognized Neighborhood Associations

- **Neighborhood Start-up Support:** Assistance with starting or reorganizing a neighborhood association or group.
- **Regional Neighborhood Network Conference (RNNC):** Lima is a member of Regional Network of Neighborhood organizations across a five state area and we attend a yearly conference hosted by a member city yearly for training and networking. All recognized associations or groups are asked to attend.
- **City Focus Meetings:** Meetings hosted by a City of Lima organization that invites the Mayor and Departmental staff to give updates on city projects to the public. Recognized associations or groups are asked to host these events.
- **Quarterly Trainings:** Trainings on various topics of interest to neighborhood associations or groups hosted by neighborhood support. Training requests can be made by recognized associations or groups.
- **“What Makes a Neighborhood”:** A resident education seminar is provided to interested groups on what defines a neighborhood and how to improve and maintain it.
- **Neighborhood Association Listing:** Complete information on all associations provided to each neighborhood association for ease with networking and sharing project ideas.
- **Neighborhood Notes:** A monthly email newsletter sent out to all neighborhood association members with city updates, community news, and neighborhood association information.
- **Technical Assistance:** Neighborhood Support can offer assistance with organizing trainings, speakers, and projects/programs to all recognized associations or groups.
- **Neighborhood Clean Up:** *City Wide Pride* is a yearly event that happens each spring associations/groups participate by sponsoring and staffing a dumpster site and organizing trips to the dumpster site for neighbors unable to take items themselves. Associations have the opportunity to recruit members during these clean-up efforts, and to spread the word about the benefits of membership.
- **Grants:** Neighborhood Support offers grants twice a year to fund projects of recognized city neighborhood associations or groups. County Associations may seek funding from their Officials.
- **Printing:** The city provides \$50 of printing services per City association per year. This amounts to 2500 one sided black & white copies per year, or 550 one sided color copies. (At least one week's notice is necessary) County associations may contact their Township Trustees or County Commissioners to request similar assistance.
- **Media:** Special requests by the media are often channeled through Neighborhood Support. Local, regional, and national media have used Neighborhood Support to identify and feature local associations in coverage concerning crime prevention, neighborhood revitalization, and innovative neighborhood programming.
 - The Lima News is notified of all regularly scheduled neighborhood association meetings.
 - The mayor holds a press conference at 10:30 a.m. each Wednesday. Associations can be scheduled to appear at those conferences to promote their projects and accomplishments.
 - Neighborhood Support can assist recognized associations and groups with Public Service Announcements for special programs and volunteer opportunities.

LIMA-ALLEN COUNTY NEIGHBORHOODS IN PARTNERSHIP (LACNIP)

Recognized associations are encouraged to become members of LACNIP, which currently partners with the city to support Neighborhood Associations. LACNIP acts as an umbrella organization for neighborhood associations/groups and as a liaison to the City. LACNIP gives each association access to other neighborhood groups in order to share information, problem solve, exchange ideas, and propose large scale joint projects. LACNIP sponsors projects each year that you may wish to participate in to help the entire community. LACNIP membership also includes access to the LACNIP resource center for events and meetings.

City services are available to neighborhood associations via the Neighborhood Specialist, City of Lima, Department of Community Development Neighborhood Support, 50 Town Square, Lima, Ohio, 45801, (419) 221-5177.