



# HOW TO BUILD COMMUNITY

## IN ALLENTOWN IN ALLENTOWN

1. Get to know your neighbors. We dare you! Introduce yourself to at least 5 neighbors no matter how long you've lived near each other, if you don't know their names, introduce yourself!
2. Welcome new neighbors – whether they're home owners or renters. Welcome them to the neighborhood. Let them know when to put trash out (days and times). Let them know we keep the front of our properties – including the curb - swept clean of trash (even if it's not our trash) – offer them a broom (welcome to the block gift!). Let them know when and where the neighborhood group meets. Invite them to the meetings. *“Hi! My name is Gail, welcome to the neighborhood! Is everything going o.k.? Do you have any questions? You might not know this...”*
3. Let your neighbor know their car windows are down and it's about to rain.
4. Let your neighbor know someone stopped by looking for them the other day.
5. Be of assistance! Who's trying to sell something to your elderly neighbor? Go on over and check it out.
6. Sit on your front porch. Say hello to all who walk by.
7. Smile, especially to the youth on the block – even if they're just walking by.

