

What is the Good Neighbor Association?



The GNA was organized in 1994 to improve property maintenance code enforcement. A neighborhood association representing all neighborhoods was needed to work with city government, community organizations, and individuals to promote strict laws relating to zoning, planning, property maintenance, building codes and other laws relating to the use of residential properties.

The GNA is also working with landlords, real estate firms, tenants, church organizations, and businesses for the prevention of deteriorating properties, controlling crime and other behavioral problems, and promoting community pride in neighborhoods.

Why is the GNA Needed?

The GNA is needed to provide an organized effort for addressing neighborhood problems. Neighborhood concerns are brought to the attention of city officials and others to bring about action and change.



The city of Big Rapids is a great place to live. It is an established community that has streets lined with mature trees, a creek, river, parks, a library, Ferris State University, older homes with character, historical downtown apartments, several schools of choice, churches, a hospital, and a variety of businesses and manufacturing plants. All of this is within walking distance on improved sidewalks with handicap accessible ramps. We extend an invitation for you to visit our community.

What is the Goal for GNA?

The goal for the GNA is to foster communication among neighbors to help build a positive sense of community. Students, renters, landlords, single family owner/occupants can make a difference in improving housing in R3, RP, R2 and adjoining R1 neighborhoods. We want officials to know that neighborhoods are vital for a healthy city. We work to protect a high quality of life for people of all ages living in the city of Big Rapids.



What does the GNA Do?

- Documents city ordinance violations and presents them to the Neighborhood Services Department for enforcement
- Participates in Earth Day Litter Pick-up campaign and actively tries to make a difference the rest of the year.
- Recognizes owners who have improved their properties with "Pride of the Neighborhood" awards.
- Provides monthly updates and informational fliers throughout the year about neighborhood issues that go before the city commission and other city boards.

How do I become a GNA Member?

If you believe in clean, safe neighborhoods, where property values appreciate and a quiet lifestyle may be enjoyed, you should join the GNA.

Membership Form

(Please Print)

Name _____

Address _____

City, Zip _____

Telephone _____

Today's Date _____

Annual membership category	Dues
<input type="checkbox"/> Student	\$ 5.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$20.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Business	\$30.00

Please check the appropriate membership category.

Enclose a check with this form and mail to:

Good Neighbors Association

P.O. Box 220

Big Rapids, MI 49307

If you are interested in any of these areas, please check one or more boxes:

- ☐ 1. Community Relations/Communication
- ☐ 2. Property Maintenance/Zoning Code Enforcement Committee
- ☐ 3. Property Appearance Award
- ☐ 4. Education
- ☐ 5. Smart Growth/Development
- ☐ 6. Historical District



Any questions, please call
Mary at (231) 796-2264

Our by-laws state that we will work with local government officials, community organizations, and individuals to promote strict laws relating to zoning, planning, property use, property maintenance, building codes and other laws relating to the use of residential properties: both owner occupied and rental properties.

....Good Neighbors Association



You are invited to our
General Membership Meeting on
Monday, May 22, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.
in the City Commission Room,
(inside City Hall)
226 N. Michigan Avenue,
Big Rapids.

GOOD NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION OF BIG RAPIDS



The Good Neighbors Association's
top priority is maintaining and
upgrading the quality of all
residential neighborhoods in the
City of Big Rapids.