Neighborliness

Neighborliness is the quality of being friendly, helpful, and kind to the people who live near you.

It means

- Being helpful: Lending a hand when a neighbor needs support.
- Showing respect: Keeping noise down and respecting property boundaries.
- Building community: Sharing a friendly greeting or organizing local.

Practicing Neighborliness

To practice neighborliness, focus on small, intentional actions that build trust and a sense of safety within your local community. Given your interest in cultivating civility and strong community values, focusing on respect, safety, and mutual aid is highly impactful.

Here are practical ways to practice neighborliness as you engage with your community:

- Offer a warm greeting: A simple "good morning" or a friendly wave goes a long way in breaking the ice and establishing a welcoming environment.
- Keep shared spaces tidy: Help maintain the appearance of your street or building by picking up stray litter or returning a misplaced trash bin.
- Be mindful of noise: Keep music, TV volumes, and loud activities at a respectful level, especially during early morning or late evening hours.
- Offer help during bad weather: Shovel snow or clear away fallen branches for neighbors who may have limited mobility or are elderly.
- Watch out for packages: Offer to hold deliveries for neighbors who are away from home so their packages stay secure.
- Exchange contact information: Share your phone number or email with a few trusted neighbors for emergencies or general updates.
- Look out for one another's property: Keep an eye on neighboring homes when you know the owners are traveling, and let them know if anything looks out of place.
- Communicate directly and calmly: If a minor issue arises (like a misplaced item or property boundary question), address it directly with a respectful, open conversation rather than letting it build into tension.