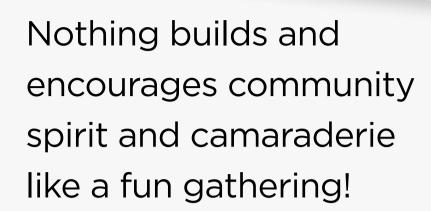
Ways to Spark Community





Here are some unique ideas to consider.

- A Free Concert

 Hire a local band that is just getting started or put on a talent competition for a neighborhood-wide party.
- 2 Help a Senior Day
 Organize a community-wide effort to help seniors with yardwork, home maintenance projects, etc.
- 3 Meet and Greet
 With First Responders
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Coordinate with your community's first responders to host an event where families can learn more about the people in the different departments.

4 Collect Donations for a Local Food Pantry

Most food drives are done during the holidays. Consider doing one during a different season.

5 Collect and DonatePersonal Hygiene Products

Shelters are always in need of these products for the families they serve.

- 6 Start a Walking Group
 Organize regular weekly meetups for participants to "walk and talk."
- 7 Block Party
 Host a giant potluck street party.
- Check with your local authorities to see if there is a plot of land that can be used for residents to garden together.
- 9 Knit for a Cause Gather fellow crafters to make useful items, such as blankets or hats, to be donated to a local shelter or children's hospital.

Tips for Success:

Give yourself enough time to plan, organize and secure funding. **Contact local authorities** to
ensure you are
in compliance
with all rules and
regulations.

Recruit and assign tasks to volunteers.
Contact vendors if necessary.

Publicize the
event ahead of
time on social
media, newspapers
and flyers.

If the thought of initiating an event seems overwhelming, start small or with a one-time event. You may find it even more rewarding and fun than you imagined. You may also inspire others to join you on future projects!