

A Successful Block Club is Always Possible With:

- Active Members
- Great Leaders
- Reachable Goals
- Good Discussions
 - Preparations
 - Contributions
 - Patience
 - Recognition



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The City of Rochester is committed to making your neighborhood safer and more enjoyable to live in.



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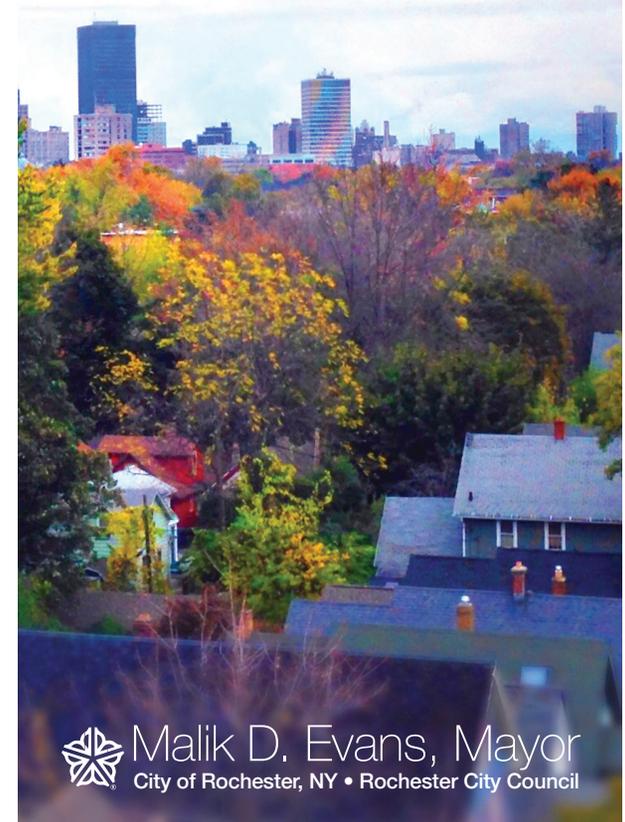


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How to Start a Block Club

A Guide for the Residents of the City of Rochester



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What's in it
for **you?**

*As a group,
you have
a stronger
impact on
change.*

*Knowing
your neighbors
reduces crime
and creates
positive
energy.*

1 Getting Organized

- Gather several of the neighbors.
- Identify projects or issues within the block (community garden, neighborhood outreach, robberies, loud noise, high grass, and weeds, etc.)
- Brainstorm some projects/solutions to the issues discussed.
- How can the club be a resource for your block?

Once You Determine the Condition of Your Block:

- Plan for the first meeting and establish an agenda.
- Design a colorful flyer to promote the first meeting and get the word out.
- Use the meeting to start recruiting more members!
- Discuss the information from the first meeting.



2 Block Club Leadership

- Depending on the size of the club, you may want to elect club members for these positions.
- **Chairperson/President:**
 - Serves as President of Block Club.
 - Oversees schedule of meetings and activities.
 - Develops a meeting agenda.
 - Arrives 30 minutes before meeting to set the room up.
- **Vice President:**
 - Assists President, arrives to help set up room.
 - Performs duties of President in their absence.
 - Introduces new members at meetings.
- **Secretary:**
 - Keeps accurate minutes of all meetings.
 - Reads important announcements.
 - Contacts members who have missed many meetings and invites them to the next one.
- **Treasurer:**
 - Keeps records of all receipts and expenses.
 - Plans budget/financial reports at meetings.
 - Opens a bank account for club.

3 Meetings & Activities

- All meetings and activities should have an agenda/plan.
- Activities like block walks, car washes, and meet and greets are a great way to influence your block!
- Learn what works and doesn't work during meetings/activities to improve the future of the club!
- Connect with the NSC in your quadrant for support.

Final Step: Social Media

- Now that your club is organized, has leadership, and regular meetings/activities, it's time to get the club noticed!
- Have a member create and maintain a club page on any or all of the following social media sites!



We're here to help! Call 311 or
visit www.cityofrochester.gov