COMMUNICATIONS & NEIGHBORHOOD ENGAGEMENT

Homeowner Association Collaboration

Several residential developments within the City have a homeowners association (HOA). Opportunities for collaboration and partnership with these associations for activities that provide public benefit may improve the delivery of the services. Examples include maintenance of public common areas, parks, ponds, and wetlands, with maintenance activities including mowing, trimming, and snow removal. An education component should also be investigated regarding public services and responsibilities versus private covenants and associated responsibilities, and enforcement of both public ordinances and private covenants.

Questions / Issues:

- What are the goals and/or programs of the HOAs and how do they overlap the City’s goals and/or programs?
- How can HOAs best engage potential volunteers?
- What is the best way to connect the neighborhood HOAs and City services for mutual benefit?

Deliverables:

- Provide a series of recommendations for collaboration and partnerships with HOAs.

Sustainability:

- This project provides sustainable economic, social, and environmental impacts because it would enhance communication between the City and residents, as well as improve the delivery of public and private services, which would reduce the total resources used and save both parties money. The project is relevant to the City because it fulfills the 2013-2014 City Council’s goals to explore shared services and partnerships and to maintain an engaged, healthy, inviting, prepared, and safe community. This project would also implement the Comprehensive Plan goal to collaborate and provide services to all groups of residents.