

GET TO KNOW YOUR COMMUNITY

Here are some questions you can ask to get to know your community. Whether it is a Township (36 square miles) or a Ward (a few blocks) here are some items you and your team can explore.

- Where is my township or local city council office?
- Have I ever stopped by to say hi and see what they offer?
- Who are my leaders? Elected? Appointed?
- Have I asked for a tour to see how things are done?

Churches/Organizations:

- What churches and organizations are in my area?
- Who are the leaders?
- Do I know anyone there?
- What services do they give the community?
- What are their needs?

Community Concerns:

- What do the neighbors say are the top 10 issues of concern?
- What do they see as the best assets of your area?
- What do they know about this region I don't?

Community Make Up:

- Who are the seniors in my area? Are they alone? Do they have needs?
- Who are the single parent homes?
- Are there teenagers and children with any needs?
- Are there trailer parks? Apartment buildings? Senior Center?
- Are there schools?
- Is there a hospital?
- Is there a Community center?

State Elected Leaders:

- Have people in my township/ward ever met their elected leaders in the State Capitol?
- Do they know how to reach them? Have they been heard?
- What solutions do they want to see?

Businesses:

- What are businesses in the area? Maybe operating out of people's homes?
- Can we support one another?
- Do we all know one another?

Emergency Services:

- Who is the Police Officer or who are the Police Officers that represent us?
- Do we have a fire department?
- Are they supported? How can we do more?

Community Needs:

- What are the immediate needs of my community? And how can some of us help by providing services?
- Can we pick up trash?
- Is there an American flag in the center of town that needs replaced?
- Are veteran tombstones in need of repair?
- Does a playground need fixing?
- Do buildings need painting?
- Do parking lots need repaving?

What are the needs and how can we help?

What is happening in my Township and Ward?

How can we be a community and care for one another so the government doesn't have to?

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