

# Fundraising Tips for Neighborhoods

- Garage Sales: Set aside a weekend for all neighbors to host a garage sale, with a percentage of the sales being donated to your association.
- Ask your association's bank for an annual donation to your association.
- Ask local businesses to contribute to your annual fund drive or a pet project.
- Local Restaurant Night: Advertise in your newsletter for all neighbors to eat at a certain restaurant on a certain night in exchange for a percentage of the proceeds.
- Car hop at Sonic: Have neighborhood residents car hop at Sonic in exchange for tips that go to the local neighborhood association.
- Have residents contact their employers and find out if they have a charitable foundation that gives to volunteer projects of their employees.
- Wal Mart, Lowe's, Home Depot and Target all have fairly simple community grant options. All stores will have the information or you can usually find it online at their websites.
- Neighborhood Festivals, Home or Garden Tours: Can be a lot of work, but can be a very effective way of raising funds.
- Include a request for dues or donations in every newsletter you deliver.
- Have membership information and donation request forms at every neighborhood meeting or event.
- If you are close to the downtown area, contact Devon Energy about donating to your project.
- Talk to businesses in your area, tell them how much your residents frequent their establishments and ask them to donate.
- Sell ads in your newsletters or directories. A typical business card ad can sell for \$5.00 to \$15.00 per month.
- Other potential fundraising events: Car Wash, Bake Sale, Raffle, Bike Races, Marathons, Chili Cook-off.

## DO NOT PLAN FUNDRAISERS ON THESE DAYS:

- All three day Legal holiday weekends
- All state holidays
- All high religious holidays
- The first and last weeks of school
- The week of April 15th (income tax day)
- Days of major sporting events (Super Bowl, etc.)



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