



2018 Sarasota County NEIGHBORHOOD CHALLENGE

Greener. Healthier. More Involved. #SRQChallenge

The **INVOLVED** scorecard contains actions and educational efforts specific to improving neighborhood connections.

Below are ways you can help with the Neighborhood Challenge. Look through the score card to see if you are interested in any of the activities that would benefit our community.

We Lead Our Neighborhood

Select/answer each statement that applies to your neighborhood.

Actions (5 points each)

Education Efforts (2 points each)

Resources on any of the statements below can be found at the end of this section.

Select all that apply:

- 1. We have an up-to-date registration in the Sarasota County Neighborhood Online Directory. (5 points)
- 2. We have a Vision Plan that establishes our goals, and the actions required of us to meet those goals. (Attach plan below) (5 points)

(2) Vision Plan (Note: if you reach the file size limits, photos can also be emailed to neighbor@scgov.net)

3. We have regularly-scheduled neighborhood association meetings, at least quarterly. (5 points)

Enter the dates of the last two meetings:

4. Our Homeowner or Condo association board members have received their annual board certification. (5 points)

List the names of certified board members:

5. We network and partner with other neighborhoods. (5 points)

Describe the partnership:

6. We engage with elected officials and local government staff to advocate decisions that support and enhance our quality of life. (5 points)

List past engagement topic(s):

7. We have hosted a local government speaker at a neighborhood meeting. (5 points)

Briefly describe, include names of local government speakers, date, and estimated number that attended:

8. We have two or more neighbors who have graduated from or are currently enrolled in Civics 101. (5 points)

List the names of Civics 101 graduates:

9. We have hosted a presentation on best practices in neighborhood leadership or care of our neighborhood. (5 points)

Briefly describe, including date and estimated number of neighborhood residents that attended:

10. We have informed our neighbors about a local government project that affects our neighborhood (e.g. in a newsletter, email list, etc.). (2 points)

Topic of communication and how it was delivered:

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Topic of communication and how it was delivered:

Resources

- Homeowner or Condo Association Board Certification [Florida Dept. of Business & Prof. Regulation, 2017 Florida Statutes](#)
- Sarasota County Neighborhood Online Directory [Overview](#), [Directory](#), [GIS Map](#)
- Sarasota County Civics 101 [Homepage](#)

We Strengthen Our Neighborhood

Select/answer each statement that applies to your neighborhood.

Actions (5 points each)

Education Efforts (2 points each)

Resources on any of the statements below can be found at the end of this section.

Select all that apply:

- 12. We have a welcoming program for new residents in our neighborhood. (5 points)
- 13. We actively participated in the 2017 Sarasota County Neighborhood Challenge. (5 points)

14. We utilize communication tools to engage and gather feedback from the residents in our neighborhood. (5 points)

Describe the communication tools:

15. We have completed an improvement project (not routine maintenance) within the last year (such as a project funded through the Sarasota County Neighborhood Initiative Grant Program). (5 points)

Describe the project and whether successfully completed:

16. We have worked to document our neighborhood's history or to preserve a historic landmark within our boundaries. (5 points)

Describe the documentation or preservation efforts:

17. We have selected a local charity or cause and provided volunteer labor or donated materials to the effort. (2 points)

List the local charity or cause and briefly describe the volunteer efforts:

18. We have hosted a social event to encourage the building of good-neighbor relationships. (2 points)

Briefly describe, including date and estimated number that attended:

Resources

- Historic Preservation [Sarasota County Historical Resources](#), [Sarasota History Alive](#)
- Neighborhood Welcome Program [How-To Article](#)
- Sarasota County Neighborhood Initiative Grant Program [Homepage](#)
- Volunteer Opportunities [Volunteer Sarasota County](#), [Team Up for Sarasota County Schools](#), [Keep Sarasota County Beautiful](#)

We Protect Our Residents

Select/answer each statement that applies to your neighborhood.

Actions (5 points each)

Education Efforts (2 points each)

Resources on any of the statements below can be found at the end of this section.

19. We have hosted a presentation on crime prevention. (5 points)

Briefly describe, including date and estimated number of neighborhood residents that attended:

20. We have an active Citizens Patrol or Neighborhood Watch. (5 points)

List the names of Citizens Patrols or Neighborhood Watchers:

21. We have hosted a National Night Out event. (5 points)

Briefly describe, including date and estimated number of neighborhood residents that attended:

22. We have two or more neighbors who have graduated from or are currently enrolled in the Citizen's Law Enforcement Academy (CLEA). (5 points)

List the names of CLEA graduates:

23. We have hosted a presentation on disaster preparedness. (5 points)

Briefly describe, including date and estimated number of neighborhood residents that attended:

24. We have an up-to-date Disaster Preparedness Plan. (5 points)

Date of last update:

25. We have an active Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). (5 points)

List the names of team members:

Select all that apply:

- 26. Our neighborhood is a certified FIREWISE community. (Attach certificate below) (5 points)
- 27. We have checked the smoke alarms in our neighborhood common-use buildings within the last six months. (Attach verification letter or email from your local fire department below) (5 points)

(26) FIREWISE Certificate (Note: if you reach the file size limits, photos can also be emailed to neighbor@scgov.net)

(27) Verification Letter (or Email) from Local Fire Department (Note: if you reach the file size limits, photos can also be emailed to neighbor@scgov.net)

28. We have hosted a bicycle and pedestrian safety event for our residents. (5 points)

Briefly describe, including date and estimated number of neighborhood residents that attended:

29. We have provided our residents with educational materials relating to crime prevention. (2 points)

Date of communication and how it was delivered:

30. We have provided our residents with educational materials relating to disaster preparedness. (2 points)

Date of communication and how it was delivered:

31. We provided our residents with educational materials relating to bicycle and pedestrian safety. (2 points)

Date of communication and how it was delivered:

Resources

- Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety [Sarasota County Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning](#)
- Citizen's Law Enforcement Academy (CLEA) [Sarasota County Sheriff's Office](#)
- Citizens Patrol & Neighborhood Watch [Sarasota County Sheriff's Office](#)
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) [Sarasota County Emergency Services](#)
- Crime Prevention [National Crime Prevention Council](#)
- Disaster Preparedness [Disaster Planning Guide](#), [Sarasota County FYIs](#), [Blank Plan Example](#)
- FIREWISE [Homepage](#)

- National Night Out [Homepage](#)

Involved Innovation

We have implemented innovative ways (not mentioned in previous statements) to help make the community an involved place. Please describe your involved promotion initiatives below, one innovative idea per box. (3 points each)

Involved Innovation 1

Involved Innovation 1: Documentation (if applicable)

Involved Innovation 2

Involved Innovation 2: Documentation (if applicable)

Involved Innovation 3

Involved Innovation 3: Documentation (if applicable)

Involved Extra Credit

Help us promote the Neighborhood Challenge and let others know about your progress and accomplishments to build an involved neighborhood through photos and social media.

3 points for each (maximum 6 points)

Select all that apply:

- We captured photos of the INVOLVED actions claimed above
- We shared photos or posts about our neighborhood's INVOLVED actions above on social media using the hashtag #SRQChallenge

Photos (Note: if you reach the file size limits, photos can also be emailed to neighbor@scgov.net)

Screen Captures of Social Media Posts (Note: only public posts can be seen)

Did you convince another neighborhood to take the Neighborhood Challenge? If so, you will get 3 bonus points for helping encourage participation!

List the name(s) of the neighborhood(s):

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