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June is "Hi Neighbor" Month in Worthington!

(Worthington, Ohio) - The Community Relations Commission invites all Worthington residents to meet, greet, and visit with their neighbors during the annual "Hi Neighbor" event. In 2009, "Hi Neighbor" has been expanded from one day to the entire month of June! "Hi Neighbor" encourages residents to come outside and talk with their neighbors, reconnect with those they haven't seen in a while and begin establishing relationships that build strong neighborhoods.

This year, the CRC is challenging all Worthington residents to commit 5 random acts of "Hi Neighbor" by greeting and welcoming your neighbors, helping them get to know others in your neighborhood or giving them assistance or support in times of need. The CRC is also encouraging residents to plan block parties for their neighborhood at anytime during "Hi Neighbor" Month or throughout the year. 5 Random Acts of "Hi Neighbor" is defined as anything that better connects neighbors and our community. Some examples of Random Acts of "Hi Neighbor" include:

- Organizing a "Hi Neighbor" Block Party
- Helping an elderly or sick neighbor with lawn work or home repairs
- Taking a meal to a neighbor
- Inviting neighbors to dinner or dessert
- Doing gardening in a community garden area
- Cleaning up around a school or park
- Keeping an eye on the home of a traveling neighbor
- Offer babysitting to a busy mother

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"Hi Neighbor" Month continued.

- Create a neighborhood contact list
- If you have children, get them involved too; this is great opportunity to teach them about helping others and the value of community.

These are just a few examples knowing that the generous residents of Worthington will come up with many more.

In 2009, the City is partnering with Cam Taylor Realtors in Worthington to help encourage participation by new and existing Worthington residents. Cam Taylor Realtors is making yard signs available to Worthington residents announcing June as "Hi Neighbor" Month. To obtain a yard sign, call Cam Taylor Realtors at (614) 888-0307.

The Commission has developed a block party packet which includes information on block party ideas, sample invitations, and City permit information. Block party packets are available for pick up at the Worthington Municipal Building, 6550 N. High Street. You may also download the Block Party materials online at www.worthington.org. Follow the Quick Links to Neighborhood News.

For more information about "Hi Neighbor" please call the City of Worthington at (614) 436-3100.

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