



Forest Ridge  
Program Area  
Walnut

# Strategy for Vital Neighborhoods

Presentation to the Forest Ridge-Walnut  
Neighborhood Program Area

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# Thank You For Coming



- Our purpose today is to get your feedback on the solutions produced through the planning process
- This slide show will bring you up to date and inform you about the Open House process today



# Neighborhood Management

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Neighborhood management focuses on the willingness and ability of neighbors to successfully manage the day-to-day issues in the neighborhood; increasing neighborhood activities; and increasing the sense of community in the neighborhood.

*All neighborhoods regardless of their season  
have problems.*



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However, what determines if the neighborhood is healthy or unhealthy?

Healthy Neighborhood – Able to manage the day-to-day concerns that arise within the neighborhood

Unhealthy Neighborhood – Overwhelmed by daily issues, feels hopeless, and stops putting forth effort to manage concerns

# Healthy Neighborhoods



- Gather information
- Involve the community
- Select the issues
- Create solutions
- Form partnerships
- Take action



# Recap: Public Meetings

- A kickoff meeting was held to introduce the *Strategy for Vital Neighborhoods* and discuss neighborhood issues and assets
- Top issues selected as priorities
- Information session on neighborhood organizations and crime watch groups



# Recap: City Solutions



- City staff met to review issues
- Solutions developed based upon current or possible programs and resources
- City solutions presented to the Neighborhood Resource Team for inclusion in Action Plan



# Recap: Resident Solutions



- Residents were asked to join staff for a solutions meeting
- Residents brainstormed ways to address the issues themselves
- These solutions were presented to the Neighborhood Program Team



# For Today

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- Each issue has a table assigned to it
- Each table has a list of solutions
- We need your feedback
- Fill out the comment/response sheets on the tables
- Let us know what you think about the *Strategy for Vital Neighborhoods* process so far

# What's Next?



Review the Action Plan

*Available June 18<sup>th</sup>*

Online at [www.garlandvitalneighborhoods.org](http://www.garlandvitalneighborhoods.org)

Or at the following locations:

*Planning Department*

*City Hall*

*Walnut Creek Library*

*Central Library*

