



The Neighborhood Engagement Newsletter!

"Helping Neighbors Connect"

September/October 2025

So much neighboring!

Missouri Good Neighbor Week



Largest civic engagement event of the year in Missouri.



Snapshot of Results for 2025

Honored **20** Neighbors **4** Businesses

138 Neighbor Nominees
42,134 Missourians Impacted by acts of neighboring done during Missouri Good Neighbor Week 2025. Up from 31,129 acts in 2024.
86 Counties
110 Cities
433 Reported Entries
15 City Proclamations

6 Cities Springfield, Excelsior Springs, Manchester, Houston, Fremont Hills and Lee's Summit
Earn Most Neighborly Status

According to MU Extension, Missourians once again demonstrated the power of neighborliness during Missouri Good Neighbor Week (Sept. 28–Oct. 4, 2025).



Graphic credit: MU Extension

According to the official report, 42,134 acts of neighborliness were documented this week — making this Missouri's largest civic engagement event focused on building stronger communities.



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So much winning!

Robbie Farabee was recognized as one of 20 Most Engaged Neighbors in the State of Missouri!!

Who's surprised?



The City of Excelsior Springs was recognized as the most Neighborly City of our size for the second year in a row!

Other Trails Coffee and Goods was recognized as one of 4 Most Neighborly Businesses in the State of Missouri!!!





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Contact
Neighborhood
Specialist, Laura
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and tools in planning
your neighborhood
gathering!
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Upcoming engagement events!

- The Mayor's Block Party Challenge (Easter to Halloween)
- Neighborhood Engagement Team summer debrief 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.
- Halloween! This is a fantastic way to meet your neighbors!!
- Friendsgiving: Gather with neighbors to give thanks.

Read about MO
Good Neighbor
Week in the
ES Standard
[here.](#)



Block Party Challenge Stats:

37

neighbor
gatherings were
registered and held
already!

5

are registered and
upcoming!

We need

8

more to get to

50!

The Excelsior Springs Mayor's Block Party Challenge



*"I challenge the residents of Excelsior Springs to hold
50 neighbor gatherings between Easter and
Halloween in 2025!"
- Mayor Mark Spohn*



**Mayor Mark
Spohn has
issued his
challenge!!**

**To register your
neighbor
gathering, go to:
www.cityofESM0.com/Neighborhoods**



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Block Parties!!!



Vintage Block Party

Kings Addition
Block Party



Westwood Hills
Flamingo Friday



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The Thrive Curb Appeal Contest!!



Jason Cole of the Excelsior Citizen presents a gift card to Bob Kovar.



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ES Night Out Against Crime

Residents celebrate first responders!



Em Rice gets
dunked for a good
cause!



Sittin' in a cool
cruiser!



Positive engagement with
officers!!



Photo credit: Excelsior Citizen.



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ES Night Out Against Crime

Sevin Heins of Public works eats a dozen donuts in 2 minutes and 57 seconds!



The Police Department defends their Tug of War championship title against the Fire Department and is victorious!



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The Neighborhood Engagement Team!

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To the Neighborhood Engagement Team:

Thank you for helping with ideas and planning for this summer of neighbor engagement!

It is so encouraging to see neighbors gathering and to hear stories of deepening relationships. These relationships are what make a community resilient. Friendliness is one of the most sought after traits in a new community, and friendliness attracts new families. I'll repeat a common statement heard at several neighborhood gatherings, "Let's do it again next year!"

Laura Mize, Neighborhood Specialist

Helpful Links:

[Longer Tables](#)

[Block Party USA](#)

[City of Excelsior Springs](#)

[Neighboring 101](#)

[Recipes for Connection](#)

[Excelsior Springs Community Foundation](#)

