

Welcome Neighbor Month



31 Ways to Make Somerville Even More Welcoming

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				Looking for great ingredients to share a dish with your neighbors? Go to the <u>Mobile Farmers Market</u> at 1372 Broadway, 4-6pm Every Thursday through Oct 31!	Invite neighbors to go to the <u>Mobile Farmers Market</u> at 167 Holland St, 10:30am-12:30pm and at East Library, 2:30 to 4:30pm . Every Friday through Oct 31!	O1 How about getting to know new neighbors at the Somerville <u>Mobile Farmers Market</u> at 25 B Memorial Rd, 10am-12pm. Every Saturday through Oct 31!
O2 Celebrate your neighbors' stories. Ask about their favorite memories of the neighborhood or how it has changed over the years.	O3 Shop Local! Support a neighborhood business you haven't visited before.	O4 Do you know any senior neighbors that have a question about a device? The <u>SCES Technology Access Program</u> is back!	O5 Start a book or puzzle exchange. Set up a small box or shelf where neighbors can swap books, games, or puzzles.	O6 Free outdoor movie at Seven Hills Park in Davis Square at 8pm. Invite your neighbors so you can enjoy watching The Wiz together!	O7 Senior neighbors? Offer help: "If you ever need a hand with anything around the house, feel free to let me know. Follow through if you make an offer.	O8 <u>Yart Sale</u> is celebration of creativity, community, and secondhand treasures from artists, makers, & neighbors throughout the city.
O9 A smile can make your neighbors feel like they belong.	10 Write a thank-you note to a local business or a neighbor who makes your community better.	11 Plan a neighborhood walk. Invite people to join an evening stroll to meet others in the area.	12 Learn how to say "hello" in a language spoken by your neighbors.	13 Free outdoor movie at Seven Hills Park in Davis Square at 8:30pm. Which neighbor would you invite to watch Zootopia 2 together?	14 Create a neighborhood kindness challenge. Encourage simple acts like watering a neighbor's plants, bringing in a package, or helping with yard work.	15 How about getting to know new neighbors at the Somerville <u>Mobile Farmers Market?</u> 10am-12pm at 25 B Memorial Rd
16 Organize a community potluck. Ask everyone to bring a favorite dish and enjoy a meal together at a shared space.	17 Leave cheerful notes. A handwritten "Hope you're having a great day!" or "Happy Neighbor Month!" can brighten someone's day.	18 Share your skills. Offer to sharpen garden tools, teach a simple craft, or help with basic tech questions.	19 Support an Immigrant-Owned Business in your neighborhood. Visit a restaurant or shop owned by immigrants and share your experience.	20 Know a small business owner with questions about permits, licenses, or other concerns? Share about our weekly <u>Virtual Office Hours</u> for support and guidance. 4-5pm	21 Be a good neighbor: Learn what to do when someone is experiencing a medical emergency, mental health crisis, or possible overdose & call 911. More info? 	22 Invite your neighbors! <u>Union Square Farmers Market</u> - Saturdays from 9am to 1pm, rain or shine, on the plaza at 66-70 Union Square, Somerville.
23 Offer help without assuming your neighbors need it. "I'm heading to the grocery store this afternoon. Is there anything I can pick up for you?"	24 Check in during severe weather or emergencies to see if your neighbors need any assistance.	25 Creating a neighborhood WhatsApp group can make it easier to stay connected, share updates, & build a stronger sense of community.	26 When interacting with neighbors who have an accent, focus on clear, respectful communication & genuine interest in getting to know them.	27 An accent doesn't reflect a person's intelligence or ability. Focus instead on shared interests like pets, local restaurants, neighborhood events, and more.	28 If your neighbors are away, offer to collect their mail and packages, water their plants, or help with other small tasks	29 New neighbors coming? Create a neighborhood welcome basket. Include local maps, community event flyers, reusable shopping bags, and a handwritten note.
30 A friendly introduction, & an open invitation to connect can help new neighbors feel included while giving them space to settle in at their own pace.	31 Share the <u>New Resident Guide</u> with your new neighbors. They may get help with parking, trash & recycling, setting up your utilities, & more.	Get ready for Civic Day next month! This City Hall open house gives community members an opportunity to learn about City services, programs, City government, and ways to get involved—all while enjoying family-friendly activities, music, food, City Hall tours, & more. Thursday, September 10, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. on the City Hall concourse & inside City Hall. INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS!				