

Set up a neighborhood at MyFireCommunity.net

Community members can create one or several neighborhoods.

Questions that may help you organize your group's information:

- Create a list of the things your group will likely be interested in and want to discuss or work on. Why does your group exist?
- Does your group already have a few core members, a group name, and a leader or designated coordinator to get things started in a neighborhood?
- Will you only want to work together in private, or will the group also want to have a public side to show others the things the group is doing or has accomplished?
- Are you likely to develop sub-groups, like steering committees, project work groups, etc.?

Does that neighborhood already exist?

Use the "All Neighborhoods" navigation link on the Community Center home page to see if a similar group has already begun a neighborhood around the same topics first.

Yes? Then contact that neighborhood's coordinator. You may be able to join them!

No? OK, then set up a new n'hood following the simple steps below.

Step-by-step instructions to set up a new neighborhood:

Login, if you are not already in, with the username and password you created when you set up your personal profile at the Community Center.

Use the link "Click here to start your own neighborhood" near the top of your personal home page or any of the "All Neighborhood" pages to start the process to create your own.

As you create a neighborhood you'll follow the process of giving it a name, a short description, and selecting the type (Public, Private, or the Hybrid version also called Partially Public). You can change the type later if you want.

People you want to invite to enter discussion comments, or join private work areas, must also be, or become, members of the community center. An "Invite New Members" link is near the top right side of your neighborhood Members List page. People that are already community center members will be alphabetically listed in a drop down menu for you to choose from to send an invitation to. Or, just type in the email address of non-members that you wish to invite to join your neighborhood.

Start a new discussion topic that welcomes your members and gets things started.

Enter events that your group has planned or set one up in the n'hood calendar.

Get help from another person in the group to work with you as an alternate coordinator.

Follow up with your group and keep them active. Be available for support and monitor user interest.