

Our next Zoom meeting is 9 July at 5:00 p.m.

Before our next meeting, please visualize the process for establishing Neighborhood Stewards. At the meeting we will actualize the process.

Please also give give careful consideration to the following scenarios.

1. A resident walks around a corner and almost trips over someone sleeping on the sidewalk.
2. A friendly stranger strikes up a conversation with a resident and eventually implies that they are willing to share drugs with the resident.
3. A resident sees someone's belongings stashed under a bush along with a weapon.
4. A resident almost steps in human waste on a city street.

What happens after such an encounter? Many times residents walk away shaking their heads and wondering what this world is coming to. By preparing our friends and neighbors to plan for the event, we will equip them to take action to reduce undesirable behavior.

One of Workgroup One's charges is to prepare ourselves and our neighbors for these and other scenarios that are characteristic of unhoused populations. One tool that we can offer the people of Oneonta is a card that says "When you experience fill in the blank, do this: fill in the blank."

Please open your minds to all the experiences (not just the four scenarios above) that a resident might encounter that would alert them to the fact that someone is in the vicinity who needs intervention or services. At our next meeting we will design the card.

Agenda:

1. Select chair.
2. Develop a step by step process for establishing Neighborhood Stewards.
3. Design the "Take Action!" Card.