



## RECONNECT WITH COMMUNITY

*4 Days and 10 Ways - September 16-19, 2010*

### **Thank-You Thursday (Sept. 16)**

**1. Send a note or make a call of gratitude to someone who's shown you support.**

*Convey your appreciation to those who went out of their way to help when you most needed it. If you can't find the right words, find a greeting card to say it for you or simply say "thanks for being there for me." The thought doesn't count unless it's conveyed.*

**2. Thank a local business or organization for what they add to the community.**

*Make a phone call, send a letter or e-mail, pen a letter to the editor of a local publication, take out an ad, write an endorsement, or simply drop by a favorite business or organization and let people know you've noticed how they make the area a better place to live. Gratitude rules!*

### **Friendly Friday (Sept. 17)**

**3. Introduce yourself to a neighbor(s) you haven't yet met.**

*Use "Reconnect With Community" as an excuse to greet the neighbor you've been meaning to meet. Better yet, stop by with homegrown produce, cookies, a houseplant or another small, get-to-know-you-offering. You'll both be glad you did.*

**4. Smile and speak to the people you meet.**

*Change someone's day for the better with a friendly approach. Be the first one to make a goodwill gesture. Many a meaningful friendship began with a smile.*

**5. Invite a friend(s) out for local entertainment or community recreation.**

*Discover or re-visit the many activities Jackson County has to offer. Whether it's dinner, a cultural performance, an athletic competition or special event, sharing the occasion with someone increases the fun.*

### **Supportive Saturday (Sept. 18)**

**6. Do something nice for someone you know could use extra help.**

*Offer to pick up something for a neighbor when you go to the store. Watch the children of a single parent so he/she can enjoy a "date night." Rake an elderly person's leaves. Take the opportunity to make life a little easier for someone who'll appreciate it.*

**7. Patronize a local business/event you've been meaning to visit or haven't visited for a while.**

*Instead of driving by and telling yourself you'll check out that business someday, make someday today! Or re-visit somewhere you remember enjoying. There's no substitute for immediate action.*

**8. Donate time or money to a local group, cause or project.**

*Roll up your sleeves and/or open your wallet. Give of yourself to a community entity that could use the extra support. Don't be afraid to get your hands dirty or your outlook improved.*

### **Social Sunday (Sept. 19)**

**9. Spend time with friends you haven't socialized with in a while.**

*Share the gift of hospitality by inviting friends over to your home for a meal, coffee, or just an afternoon of catching up on one another's lives. Re-connecting can be life-enhancing.*

**10. Organize or host a neighborhood event or get-together.**

*Unite your neighbors through a community garage sale, block party or street picnic. Operate a kids' lemonade stand. Bond over the unity of a shared experience and community. Be the one who makes it happen.*



Reconnect with Community is a strategic initiative of the County of Jackson, promoting "We're Better Together" as a community.