

If I Were Mayor

If I were mayor of Happy Valley I would work to promote a sense of community because our town is growing and I want it to still feel like a small town still.

To achieve this I propose a list of monthly events for the community to participate in:

- The mayor's birthday. On this day we celebrate the mayor at city hall where tours are given and everyone gets free ice cream. People get a chance to meet the mayor and learn a little bit about city hall*
- In July, we can celebrate 'independent' business days where city wide residents come out to promote independent stores and restaurants. These businesses can offer exclusive deals to residents and make connections for more customers.*
- June is a perfect time to recognise the summer olympics with a sports and field day for happy valley residents. At happy valley park there will be stations for different activities and local gyms and trainers can teach classes like yoga or cross fit. The highschool baseball coach, Arnston, can organize a community baseball game. People can learn to play sports like ping pong tennis lacrosse and cheer at different stations. The all abilities playground can be used also.*
- Nice neighbor November would be a day to do something for your neighbor. These could include a friendly note, a plate of cookies walking their dog or a friendly conversation. As mayor i would also encourage neighbors to exchange phone numbers in case of emergencies*

- *Pay it forward december, will be a day for happy valley residents to feel good about themselves i will encourage them to walk dogs at the shelter, volunteer at the wichita center, donate books to the friends of the library by someone's coffee at the coffee shop or offer to help a senior with a household task*
- *Restaurant open house day. On this day I'm hoping all restaurants would participate between 2-4 pm by opening their doors to residents to come in and taste a variety of foods the restaurant makes the chef can be on hand to talk about the food and promote their restaurant hopefully each restaurant will gain more loyal customers.*
- *City wide cleanup day has kids and adults making their city beautiful again by cleaning up any garbage around parks or common areas. Citizens would be encouraged to clean up their own yards and homes and dumpsters will be available for trash and yard debris at city hall. Also residents will be given flower seeds to make their own yard beautiful and ice cream.*
- *Safety day will promote everything safe in our city. Teen drivers can schedule to drive with a police officer, defense tactics will be taught along with cpr classes, fingerprint kits will be available for parents to fingerprint their kids in case of an emergency and a blood drive will be set up. Organizers can explain to residents about emergency preparedness, police and fire will be on hand to show their vehicles and answer questions.*
- *Love your pet day would be scheduled for august in the dog days of summer at Happy Valley Park. People will be encouraged to bring their leashed animals, including children for a day of fun. Activities will include animal vendors selling products, best in show contest obstacle courses obedience dock jumping exotic pet pavilion license and vaccination booth and clear the shelter vouchers for free adoption at*

dog services the city's facebook page could also be used for residents to show pictures of their pets.

- *In September residents are invited to the annual food culture day picnic at Happy Valley park the city's largest potluck will take place and taste each other's food sharing different food cultures and recipes will be encouraged as well as traditional dress.*

As mayor I would encourage the residents to stay connected with one another and have fun. Your neighbors can be your friends and the happiness in the city can keep growing along with the city.