

Enliven your neighborhood with a storytelling group

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BEACHWOOD, Ohio, USA -- When we know someone's story, we can't help but like them. It doesn't matter what ethnic, cultural, or material differences we have; we all have stories in common. We can enliven our communities and neighborhoods by forming storytelling groups.

Start with your neighborhood association or block club. If you belong to a community group, you can suggest that people who would like to listen to and tell stories come early. I started a successful group by first asking the president of the local neighborhood association if I could tell a story at their meeting, before announcing that we would meet to tell stories prior to their next scheduled meeting.

I wrote a short, punchy article for their newsletter inviting everyone. The first evening there was a sparse turnout, but as people started arriving for the meeting, I asked them to join us. Soon we **[SNIP – End of preview.]**