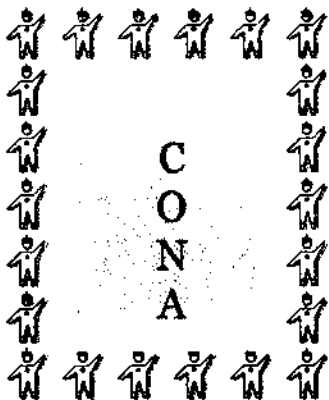


Neighborhood Associations working together to create healthy, secure neighborhoods, provide organizational support, and serve as a unified, advocating voice for all neighborhood concerns.



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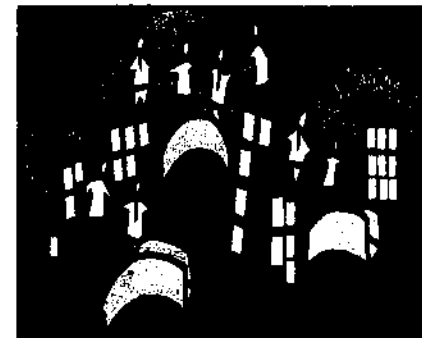


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CONA is a non-profit organization made up of individual neighborhood associations in Bloomington and Monroe County.

GOALS

CONA has 6 areas of concern:

- Advocacy
- Operations and Finance
- Promoting Public Interest
- Training and Education
- Membership Development
- Promoting Public Image

These areas of concern are discussed in depth in CONA's Strategic Plan Update which can be found on CONA's website

<http://www.conaonline.org>



- Neighborhoods are made up of individuals. By joining voices together through CONA, a neighborhood gains a stronger voice in influencing decisions made for their neighborhoods thus affecting the whole community at times.
- The planning/zoning process is key to many things happening in the neighborhood. CONA stays abreast of all plans in the works and shares this information with the membership.
- Neighborhood conflicts can be aided by contacting CONA to begin the mediation process if that becomes necessary.
- Assistance on issues that seem applicable to only a neighborhood or two is part of CONA's work as an advocate for neighborhoods.
- Neighborhood projects sometimes require outside funding. CONA's non-profit status allows it to serve as a fiscal agent for the neighborhood association needing to seek funding.
- Safer neighborhoods is everyone's dream. A neighborhood can establish a neighborhood watch in conjunction with local police. The neighborhood can be posted so would-be intruders know the neighborhood is helping to protect itself. CONA can pay for the necessary signs through our State Incentive Grant (through the Monroe County Community Prevention Coalition).

- If you really have not thought about it before, you need to start slowly. You need to find out if other people would be interested. A neighborhood association can be a lot of work and is NOT a one-person job.
- To begin, ask several neighbors in for coffee and talk about your neighborhood. What is it that you all can agree on about your neighborhood that you do not want to see change. Any chance that it could?
- Next, talk about what each would like to see changed in the neighborhood or what could be done to make the neighborhood even better. Think about: how would we go about making that happen? How many people would buy into the idea of an association as part of the answer?
- At this point, contact CONA (and/or HAND if in the City) about moving ahead to the establishment of an association. Both groups have organizational materials to share with you.