

For more information about the
Neighborhood Development Initiative, contact:

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Development Services Department
401 Independence Street
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703
573-339-6327 cityofcape.org/ndi

Resident Resources

EMERGENCIES

Call 911 for immediate threats to
life and property

ANONYMOUS TIP LINE

Stop crime, share information
100% anonymous
573-339-6313
Text "CAPEPD" to 847411 with
any message or tip

NUISANCES

Noise, animals, weeds or debris
573-335-6621 x1
cityofcape.org/reportproblem

GET INVOLVED

Join City Boards: Keep Cape
Beautiful, Go Green, Parks
573-339-6320
cityofcape.org/yourgov

RSVP-VIC Volunteer Center
573-335-7555

RECREATION

Adult and youth events, leagues
and programs, shelters/permits
573-339-6340
cityofcape.org/parks

ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Water, sewer, trash, and
recycling billing, service calls,
drop-off, pickups, yard waste
573-339-6322
cityofcape.org/billing
cityofcape.org/publicworks

Ameren - Electric and Gas
800-552-7583

SOCIAL SERVICE REFERRAL

Help with employment, bills,
children, seniors, counseling,
health, tax preparation and other
social services provided by local
agencies.

First Call for Help
573-334-HELP
firstcallforhelpsemo.org
211 Missouri: 800-427-4626

HOUSING

Landlord licensing, building
permits, housing programs
573-339-6327
cityofcape.org/development

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What is the Neighborhood Development Initiative?

The Neighborhood Development Initiative (NDI) was created in response to a citizen survey conducted by the City of Cape Girardeau in 2012. The survey results provided valuable insight about citizens' views on various issues in our community, and identified several areas of concern such as crime, vacancies, and deteriorating buildings. NDI is aimed at addressing these and other issues by providing the information and resources necessary to assist our neighborhoods with bringing about real change. It is a citizen-based program that is facilitated by the City.

Why NDI?

Many of the issues facing our community can only truly be addressed at the neighborhood level. Our police, fire, development, public works and other personnel cover a city that is roughly 30 square miles in area with a population of nearly 40,000 residents. They cannot be everywhere at all times. NDI relies upon those who live, work, and play in our neighborhoods to work together with their neighbors and the City to discuss the issues, learn from each other, and formulate strategies for taking action.

What do we want to achieve?

The ultimate goal of NDI is to strengthen our neighborhoods by making them safer, more attractive, and more active. As part of this process, neighbors will receive guidance on how to engage the City in addressing issues. More importantly, they will learn about what they can do to create an environment that discourages crime and deterioration, and promotes a sense of community.

What is needed to succeed?

Citizen participation is critical to the success of NDI. Without it, there is no sharing of information, no learning, no discussion – and no action. All it takes is being willing to attend a meeting, listen, and respond! Whether you are interested in serving in a leadership role or simply helping out, your participation is needed. No experience necessary! The City will assist with providing notice of upcoming meetings. In addition, anyone is welcome to contact City staff to learn more about NDI and the opportunities to get involved.

Benefits of NDI

- Creating a unified voice for your neighborhood
- Improving communication with your neighbors and with the City
- Becoming more aware of decisions that affect your neighborhood
- Getting to know your neighbors
- Creating a sense of community
- Being an advocate for your family and friends

