Our Neighborhood

Launched in 2022, the Englewood Neighborhood Network is led by Teamwork Englewood, which is activating a network of residents and local organizations to advance the community’s Quality-of-Life initiative, stemming from Englewood’s first Quality-of-Life Plan in 2005.

In 1852, several railroad lines crossed in what was then called Junction Grove, and would later become the community we know as Englewood. Driven by German and Irish workers, the construction of apartment buildings and the city’s then second-largest shopping district at Halsted and 63rd, the population in Englewood soared in the early 1900s. Real estate values in Englewood began to decline in the 1940s, with redlining and disinvestment resulting in decreased housing and opportunities for community growth. As housing decreased and retailers left the community, Englewood has faced significant population loss. While challenges remain, the leadership of community stakeholders is focused on building a stronger, more vibrant Englewood.

BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES:
A DUAL APPROACH IN ENGLEWOOD

- Food
- Housing Assistance
- Individual Health and Wellness
- Education & Youth Development
- Community Health & Wellness
- Economic Development

LEAD AGENCY
Teamwork Englewood

COMMUNITY VISION
Improving the quality of life of the residents and stakeholders of Englewood by facilitating economic, educational, and social opportunities
Neighborhood Network in Action

In 2016, Teamwork Englewood released a community-driven Quality-of-Life Plan. Five task forces met to address the issue areas deemed most important to the community:

- **Education & Youth**: Every youth will have access to a mentor, our students will read at grade level by third grade, and more youth will graduate from high school.
- **Health & Wellness**: We will decrease health disparities of Englewood residents.
- **Housing & Public Spaces**: We will increase home ownership and reactivate vacant land and buildings in our community.
- **Jobs & Economic Development**: We will increase business investment across our community and increase the number of residents with access to living-wage jobs or career pathway opportunities.
- **Public Safety**: We will reduce the number of youth arrests and increase participation in positive programming and initiatives.

JOIN US! 🔄 Together, we can build neighborhoods like Englewood stronger and more equitably.

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