



Neighbor to Neighbor Program

Have you ever found yourself in a dispute with a neighbor? If so, you know how uncomfortable it can be. Tensions escalate and people stop talking to one another. If these situations aren't addressed, anger can turn into actions, almost always with negative consequences.

The City of St. Joseph has partnered with Citizens Mediation Service, located at 811 Ship Street, Suite 302 for any dispute that is not governed by City zoning or City codes. Both the City and Citizens Mediation Service (CMS) believes that good neighbors make great neighborhoods, happy families, and peace of mind. That belief led Citizens Mediation Service to create an inexpensive program to help neighbors get over a tough time. Tree overhangs, fence lines, pet problems, noisy kids---all of these issues are opportunities for mediation. Think of what an investment of \$25 and an hour or two of your time could mean to your peace of mind and future happiness in a neighborhood that you love.

Citizens Mediation Service will work with you to invite the other party and find a mutually agreeable time to meet at their Ship Street office. A trained, neutral facilitator will guide you through a discussion that could make life easier for both of you; a solution that both neighbors can live with and abide by. Please consider contacting Citizens Mediation Service at 269-982-7898 or visit www.citizensmediation.org and let them help rebuild some bridges in your neighborhood.