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10 Ways Residents Can Plug Into Their Community

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Have you been wanting to benefit the lives of those around you? There are many ways to get involved in your community and make a difference. [Prickly Pear Junction](#) provided 10 ideas for how residents in Helena and other cities can plug into their community and make a positive impact!

Go Local

Let's start with some practical ways you can benefit your community through local entities:

- Volunteer with a local nonprofit. It's an excellent way to [give back to the community](#) and make new friends, and many organizations in Helena could use your help!
- If you can't volunteer your time, consider donating [money or goods to a local charity](#).
- Join a hobby group in Helena. From book clubs to gardening clubs, there's sure to be an opportunity for you to [meet new people and learn new skills](#).
- Attend [community events throughout the year](#), such as the Farmers' Market to the Art Walk. Attending Helena events is a great way to support local businesses and organizations and have some fun!

Live Thoughtfully

We all have parts of our lives where we can be more thoughtful. Here are a few things to consider in your daily life!

- Help out a neighbor. Whether it's mowing their lawn or shoveling their driveway, doing something nice for your neighbor is sure to [put a smile on their face](#) — and yours!
- Pick up litter around town. This is one small way you can help [make your town look its best](#).
- Recycle whenever possible. Reducing, reusing, and recycling are essential for [preserving our planet's resources](#) — and it's easy to do wherever you live!

Stay Engaged

Finally, here are a few more tips for contributing to the betterment of your community:

- If you're an entrepreneur, consider [becoming a dedicated philanthropist](#). Your team members and customers will love it, and it can lead to significant tax breaks!
- Vote in elections to [have your voice heard](#) on issues that matter to you and your community. Make sure you're registered to vote and take the time to research the candidates before heading to the polls!
- Support local businesses when possible. Buying local helps keep [money circulating in your community](#), which benefits everyone!

There are many ways to get involved in their community — from volunteering with nonprofit organizations to attending community events, voting in elections, and supporting local businesses. By taking some small steps, we can all make Helena an even better place to live! Thanks for doing your part!

Would you like to catch up on the latest East Helena news and events? Visit PricklyPearJunction.com today!

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