



In 2010 the Springfield–Greene County Civility Project, using the motto "Be Civil, Be Heard", launched a communal conversation geared towards increasing civic engagement. Their goal was to encourage a civil environment in which to have community discussions. As their guiding principle they drafted "The Ten Tenets of Civility".

It's been a while, but in Woodland Heights—we still think they were on to something. Going forward we would like to be cognizant of these 10 Tenets in our neighborhood interactions with each other and with our surrounding environment.

And, in this age of digital communication, we would like to encourage everyone to remember these tenets when interacting with each other in this online space and beyond.

Ten Tenets of Civility

1. BE ATTENTIVE

Live with awareness toward others and your surroundings.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE OTHERS

Greet people, ideas and values with respect.

3. BE INCLUSIVE

Recognize and welcome all people every day.

4. LISTEN

Seek to understand by concentrating on what people say.

5. RESPECT OTHER VIEWS

Respond to different opinions with a fair and open mind.

6. SPEAK OUT WITH COURAGE

Express yourself with honor and conviction

7. ACT WITH COMPASSION

Treat others with kindness and honesty.

8. GIVE AND ACCEPT CONSTRUCTIVE FEEDBACK

Consider criticism thoughtfully and factually.

9. TREAT YOUR ENVIRONMENT WITH RESPECT

Show regard for nature, resources, and shared spaces.

10. BE ACCOUNTABLE

Acknowledge mistakes and take responsibility for your actions.