

NEIGHBORHOOD
BLOCK PARTIES

Together we are GRAND!

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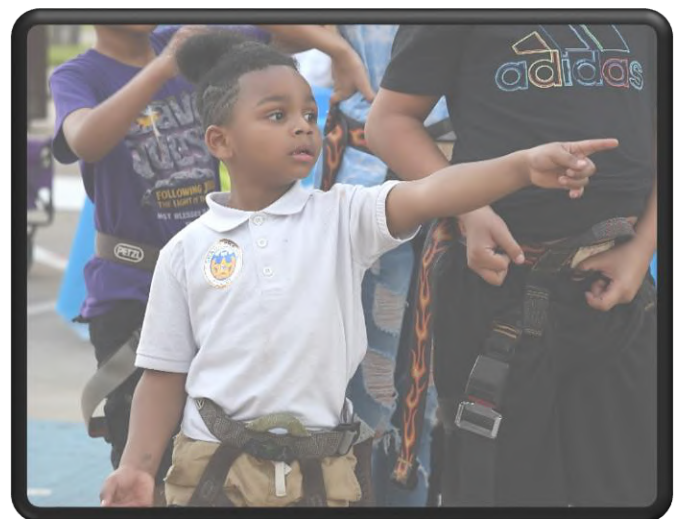
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CHAPTER 1 WHY HAVE A BLOCK PARTY?

Block parties are a great way to meet your neighbors! They provide a casual and relaxed setting where residents can meet, play, eat and have fun together.

This is a great time to exchange phone numbers and build connections.

This guide is intended to help you and your neighbors plan a rocking block party. Throughout this guide you will find resources, ideas, readymade invitations/sign-ups, and permit information.



CHAPTER 2 HOW TO PLAN!

Planning can be easy and quick with these simple steps.

1. Allow at least 6 weeks of planning before the event.
2. Find a group of neighbors willing to host the block party and have one main contact.
3. Decide on what food will be at your party. Potluck style, hotdogs, hamburgers, tacos, BBQ, etc.
4. Delegate tasks for neighbors: Set up, activities, invitations, decorations, food, drinks, set up, clean up, etc.
5. Pick a date, time, and location for your block party.
6. Please make sure to contact streets at least 3 weeks prior to the party if you want your neighborhood street blocked off.
7. Don't forget this is stress free and a fun way to get to know your neighbors, police officers, firemen, EMS, and city officials.

CHAPTER 3 TYPE OF PARTY

You may be wondering what type of party you should put together. The easiest way to throw a party is to have a theme. Below you will find a few themes, decoration, and food ideas.

Red, White, and Blue

National Night Out colors are red, white, and blue. This theme goes well with the banner we will provide for your neighborhood.

Decorations:

- Balloons
- Tablecloths
- Garland
- American flags
- Streamers

Food:

- BBQ
- Fruits
- Nachos
- Cheeseburgers
- Hotdogs
- Wings
- Mac & cheese

Hawaiian Luau

This theme is perfect if the party is near a pool.

Decorations:

- Balloons
- Tablecloths
- Garland
- Surfboards
- Lei necklace
- Palm trees
- Pineapples

Food:

- Wings
- Pineapple dip
- Cheeseburger sliders
- Tropical flavored meatballs
- Chicken kabobs
- Fruit kabobs

Fiesta

This theme is perfect if you and your neighbors love Mexican food.

Decorations:

- Balloons
- Tablecloths
- Garland
- Pinata
- Cactus
- Serape
- Colors can include- green, red, yellow, orange, pink

Food:

- Tacos
- Beans
- Rice
- Burritos
- Nachos
- Queso
- Salsa

Throwback

This theme is perfect for those neighbors that like to relive their glory days.

Decorations:

- Balloons
- Tablecloths
- Garland
- Bright colors
- Disco ball
- Retro

Food:

- Hamburgers
- Hotdogs
- Sandwiches
- Fruit
- Pizza
- Chips and dips

CHAPTER 4

GETTING THE WORD OUT

First you should discuss with your HOA the plans for the party before inviting any neighbors. Once discussed, either use the invitations we have provided below or create your own! Put invitations in all neighbors' mailboxes. We encourage that you do not leave anyone out as this is a time for building connections and relationships.

Don't forget these important details:

- Date
- Time
- Location
- Details
- Contact name and number

When neighbors arrive have each person sign-in on the sign-in sheet provided below. This will help your HOA have names, numbers, emails, and addresses.

**HEY
NEIGHBOR!**



**YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR
NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY**

DATE:

TIME:

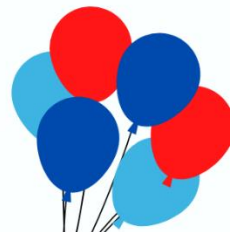
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PHONE:

**PLEASE JOIN US!
HOPE TO SEE YOU
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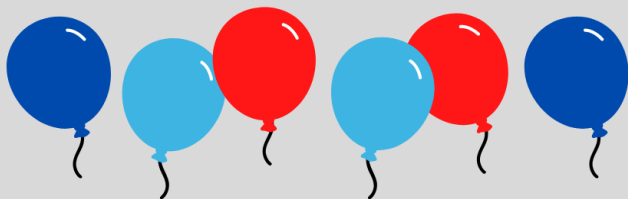
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BLOCK PARTY DETAILS:



CONTACT:

BLOCK PARTY SIGN-IN SHEET

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ADDRESS:	EMAIL:

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CHAPTER 5 ACTIVITIES

When hosting a party, you want your guests entertained. Activities are the best way for you and your guests to have fun.

Here are a few activities to include at your party.

Activities:

- Yard games
 - o Cornhole
 - o Horseshoes
 - o Ladder toss
- Football
- Soccer
- Basketball
- Pin the tail on a donkey
- Dancing
- Karaoke
- Get to know your neighbor (something like speed dating)

CHAPTER 6

SET UP AND CLEAN UP

Setting up a party should be easy and simple. Remember to delegate tasks and who is setting up what station.

Things to remember setting up:

- Tables
- Chairs
- Decorations
- Music
- Silverware
- Napkins
- Cups
- Plates
- Ice
- Paper towels
- If grilling, don't forget the charcoal or lighter fluid
- Condiments
- Garbage cans/bags
- Ice chest
- Extension cords

Things to remember when cleaning up:

- Break down tables and chairs
- Throw trash away
- Turn off grill
- Dump ice/water
- Remember to return all items to the correct persons
- Save leftover items (that will not expire) for future neighborhood gatherings
- Share leftover food for neighbors wanting to take them home