



Neighborhood Event Ideas

Ways to jumpstart your next neighborhood event

These are just suggestions to stimulate your thinking. Be creative!

SIMPLE REFRESHMENTS

- Pumpkin Pie, fried pies
- Potluck - bring your speciality
- Lemonade & cookies
- Coffee, tea and dessert
- Popcorn
- Caramel apples
- Pretzels and chips
- Fruit and cheese plates
- Pizza
- Cookies
- Hamburgers
- Hot dogs
- Chicken
- Corn on the cob
- Salads
- Soda
- Iced tea
- Punch, apple cider

GROUP CONVERSATIONS/MIXERS

- Block history stories
- National Night Out stories
- Photos from past block parties and NNO events
- Design a mixer: "Find a person who..." - with prizes
- Oldest resident award
- Longest resident award
- Newest resident award

ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH

- Bike parade
- Board games
- Skits
- Make a mural or banner
- Coloring Contest
- Pony rides
- McGruff
- 3-legged race
- Football, baseball, basketball. Street hockey
- Roller blade
- Youth parade with a theme
- Jump rope
- Chalk art
- Facepainting
- Bubbles
- Sack races
- Magic show
- Sing-alongs
- Water balloons
- Frisbee competition
- Piñata
- Clowns
- Bike Safety
- Child ID Kits
- Jack-o-lantern carving/painting
- Costume contest

ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

- Block party
- Cookout
- Parade
- Jump rope contest
- Hula hoop contest
- Barbeque
- Street dance
- Tailgating
- Storytelling (truth or fiction)
- Celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, etc.
- Scavenger hunt
- Visits from police, fire and EMS
- Crime prevention videos
- Take lots of pictures
- Karaoke
- Rummage sale
- Music and DJ
- Movies
- Sandy beach party
- Street carnival
- Disposable camera distribution/photo contest
- Self-defense demonstration
- Jail & Bail
- K-9 demonstration
- Funniest hat contest
- Welcome new neighbors
- Live music
- Horseshoes
- Corn Toss
- Hayride

CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY

- Collect for a food bank
- Beautify a common area
- Fall clean-up or bulb planting
- Recruit additional Neighborhood Watch leaders and block captains
- Discuss neighborhood concerns, problems
- Distribute neighborhood block list, phone numbers, etc.
- Discuss outdoor lighting in the area