



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2024

SO... YOU SIGNED UP TO HOST A PARTY?



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# START PLANNING

- Get a small group of neighbors together and begin to brainstorm
  - What do we want to do at this party?
    - Will we need to block off the street?
  - Do we need décor?
  - Food/Beverage?
  - What times do we want to host our event?
  - How do we invite people?



BRAINSTORMING INSPIRATION

# CHALK THE BLOCK

- Encourage neighbors to color sidewalk or street near the party site!
- Supplies Needed:
  - Sidewalk Chalk
  - Sponges or brushes
  - Water
- Encourage people to bring pads or cushions to sit on on the ground (it can be hot late in the day in August!)



# NEIGHBORHOOD SCAVENGER HUNT

- Come up with a list of people or things that guests need to locate while at the party.
  - Find a neighbor who has a dog as a pet and learn its name
  - Find a house with red flowers out front
- Supplies Needed:
  - List of things to look for
  - Clipboards/Pencils/Pens
  - Prizes for the winners (Consider age divisions so little ones can participate too!)



# POTLUCK

- Have neighbors each bring a dish or type of food to share.
- Supplies Needed:
  - Sign up sheet for dishes
  - Don't forget plates, napkins, etc.
  - Tables for the food



# ICE CREAM SOCIAL

- You Scream, I Scream, We All Scream for ICE CREAM!
- Supplies Needed:
  - Ice cream
  - Toppings
  - Cones
  - Bowls





# FOOD TRUCK/ICE CREAM CART

- Coordinate a time with a Food Truck or Ice Cream Cart to come by so neighbors can grab food or a sweet treat



# LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

- Party Games
- Olympic Games



# KICK BALL/ SOCCER/ BASKETBALL GAME

- Neighbors/Kids vs. Cops/Firefighters
- Supplies Needed:
  - Ball
  - Goals/Hoop (if needed)

\* Please let us know if this is going to be part of the plan. We want to be ready!



# HELP A NEIGHBOR

- Host a donation drive to help an organization in our community
  - Twin Lakes Food Bank
  - St. Vincent De Paul
  - Powerhouse Ministries
  - Folsom's Hope/STARS
- Supplies Needed:
  - Bucket/Place for Collection
  - Someone to coordinate donation drop-off





# BLOCKING THE STREET

- Please remember that if you need to block your street, you will need a special event permit.
- Information is available through Community Development Department

# EVENT TIMING

- Typically events are for about 2 hours
  - Please do not start before 5 p.m.
- Considerations:
  - Working neighbors
  - Kids
  - Activities planned for event
- Keep in mind: Police and Fire visits are about 20 minutes



# INVITES

- Emails
- Door Tags
- Flyers on the Mailbox
- Make your event open to people outside your neighborhood?

# DELEGATE TASKS

- With your team create a list of tasks and delegate assignments
  - Permits
  - Invites
  - Coordinating Activities
  - Submitting your form!
  
- **IMPORTANT:** Event Contact



FORMS ARE DUE 7/26

# EVENT CONTACT

- They are the person that will coordinate with FPD/Fire RE: their visit
  - They need to be available via cell the night of the event (please provide their number on the form)
  - We will coordinate timing with them and contact them if something changes.



# WHAT HAS WORKED FOR YOU?

Lessons Learned From Around the Block