



NIGHT to UNITE!

PLANNING AN EVENT

Why host an event?

1. Safety: You can increase the safety of your neighborhood by getting to know each other. Take this opportunity to exchange telephone numbers and get to know the neighbors on your block.
2. Address Issues: When you come together you can address key issues for your neighborhood. By working together, you can successfully take care of problems that are affecting your neighborhood.
3. Sense of Ownership: By getting together with your neighbors, you are creating a sense of belonging in your neighborhoods which is an important aspect of building safe and positive communities.
4. Foster Harmony: Getting together with your neighbors can help reduce conflict in your neighborhood. By providing an opportunity for communication, there's a greater chance of better conflict resolution in the future.
5. Fun: Having fun in your streets, yards, or at local parks is a wonderful experience that adults and children will enjoy and hopefully create lasting memories. Playing games such as kickball or frisbee together can help break down barriers and build lasting friendships.

Successful Party Tips

- Start planning and organizing sooner than later.
- Promote your party by inviting your neighbors and ask them to invite others.
- Put a flyer or invitation in your neighbor's door inviting them to get involved.
- If you need help, ask for volunteers!
- Post a yard sign announcing your gathering a few days before August 1 to remind your neighbors of the event.
- Use nametags at the event to help everyone learn and remember names.
- Have people introduce themselves with a fun fact.
- Consider having a sign-in sheet to create or update your own block contact list.
- Thank your neighbors for attending the event and encourage them to attend again next year.

