

CHECKLIST FOR PLANNING A GREAT BLOCK PARTY

Two months before:

- √ Formulate “block party” committees: games, entertainment, food, clean up, publicity
- √ Choose a date when many families will be available (also a rain date)
- √ Contact City Hall (381-0400) for approval of the date

Three to six weeks before:

- √ Send out flyers, invite old neighbors back, outgoing neighbors, personally invite newer or shy neighbors, invite local representatives
- √ Assign to families the type of dish to bring

Week of the party:

- √ Confirm availability of picnic tables, chairs, tents, food assignments, etc.
- √ Send reminders

The big day:

- √ Move picnic tables, chairs, grills into position
- √ Set up barricades—keep one lane open for emergency vehicles by placing picnic tables and grills along one curb

HAVE FUN!!!

TO KEEP THE TRADITION ALIVE

This year’s chairperson calls next year’s meeting (usually in May).

CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID RULES AND RESTRICTIONS

- Barricades must be erected and removed by the person in charge.
- DO NOT use motor vehicles as barricades.
- Minors must not have access to alcoholic beverages.
- The legal drinking age in the State of Ohio is 21.



Volleyball and net rental from the
Community Center
Call 216-291-0771
for details



ME?

PLAN A
BLOCK PARTY?

SURE!

HERE'S HOW...



SOUTH EUCLID'S
BLOCK PARTY GUIDE
WELCOME HOME

“NEIGHBORLY” ENTERTAINMENT

Children’s Games

- Bike/trike decorating contests
- Bicycle obstacle courses
- Parades (Pet parades must be conducted with caution. Their success depends upon the pets and their owners).
- Rocket Car rides
- Pony rides
- Police car demonstration (subject to availability)
- Street chalk drawings
- Scavenger hunts
- Clowns
- Magic shows
- Guessing games
- “Free play” (confined to one or two yards)
- Face painting
- Street softball/volleyball/soccer games
- Candy scramble



Adult Games

- White elephant or grab bag auctions
- Raffles
- D.J. (dance contests)
- Square dancing
- “Meet your neighbor” bingo
- Water balloon toss
- Baby picture identification
- South Euclid/street trivia
- Eating contests (watermelon, corn, pie, etc.)

SUGGESTED THEMES FOR YOUR BLOCK PARTY

- Olympics
- Hollywood
- Circus
- Hawaiian
- International Fair (Helps celebrate diversity)
- Country Western/Farm (can include square dancing and/or petting farm animals)
- “Dress up” (A specific era in history: ‘20s, ‘50s, ‘70s or even early South Euclid days)
- Fourth of July

Every theme can include a variety of contests, music, stories.

Integrate the theme into games, food and entertainment.

Themes encourage neighborly participation because themes cross all generations.



MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS YOU MAY WANT TO HAVE

- Whistle
- Microphone
- Large “BLOCK PARTY IN PROGRESS” signs to be posted on city-issued barricades at the end of the street
- Camera, camcorder to preserve the action and show at next year’s block party

FOOD AND COSTS

Some examples of what has worked for others:

Charge \$4.00 adult, \$3.00/child and supply hot dogs, buns, paper supplies and beverages.

Families bring a dish to share.

Charge \$8.00/family and each family brings its own meat plus a dish to share. Money covers prizes and entertainment.

Charge \$10.00/family to cover beer, pop, prizes, pony rides and square dance.

Each family brings its own food.

TIME OF DAY THAT WORKS BEST

Most block parties take place between noon and midnight. Successful parties have run from four to twelve hours.



MEET FRIENDS
OLD AND NEW