

HOW TO THROW A BLOCK PARTY



PRAY

Ask God if hosting or co-hosting a block party this summer would be a blessing to your neighbors.

KEEP THE MAIN THING THE MAIN THING

Don't get overwhelmed by details. Focus on your reason for doing this. To get to know your neighbors so that you can bless them throughout the year. You are NOT DOING THIS to throw the perfect party, have the perfect activities or the perfect food.



ASK NEIGHBORS TO PITCH IN

People love to be contributors. The food can be potluck style. Ask neighbors what they can bring as far as supplies (bbq, tables, coolers, lawn chairs, tents, stereo, etc.). Ask neighbors what activities they could bring or lead (cornhole, cake walk for kids, chalk, sprinklers, Neighborhood trivia, scavenger hunt, volleyball, horseshoes, pinata, best pie on the block competition, etc.)

INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS

Your invites can be printed and you can deliver them door to door or you could email invites. If you have the phone numbers of your neighbors, you can simply send out a text message. It doesn't need to be fancy!

PRAY, AGAIN

As the day approaches continue to pray that God would use this time to help neighbors feel known, cared for and connected.

BE PRESENT & ENJOY

Use this block party as a way to connect with neighbors and connect neighbors with each other. Don't get so caught up in the details that you miss actually connecting with the people you brought together! Consider having a map where people can write their name and number over their home on the map.

PRAY AGAIN, AGAIN

You have thrown a block party! See that wasn't so scary. Hopefully you now know some new faces or know old faces better. Continue to pray for opportunities to bless the neighbors God has placed around you! Lastly, send us a picture of your block party so we can celebrate with you. You can email it to adalen@salemalliance.org