

# BLOCK PARTY

## AN EASY HOW-TO GUIDE FOR ORGANIZING A BLOCK PARTY

A block party is the opportunity for neighbors to get together, meet each other, and have fun.



### GETTING STARTED

- ▶ **Venture will provide** flyers and invitations to help you get started.
- ▶ Kits with additional resources are available by reservation at [venture.cc/blockparty](https://venture.cc/blockparty). Kits include a pop-up tent, lawn games, kid's activities, and more.
- ▶ Decide **which type of block party** will work best in your neighborhood. Think about a backyard BBQ, picnic, pool party, or a simple lawn party.



### PLANNING YOUR BLOCK PARTY

- ▶ **Enlist one or two neighbors or friends** who you know can join and set the date and time. Start with a small event. It can always grow, but a block party with a few neighbors is already a great success!
- ▶ When selecting who to invite, **use natural neighborhood boundaries** (i.e. end of the block). If you are planning a street or cul-de-sac party, make sure to invite everyone from that area. Printable flyers/invites can be found at [venture.cc/blockparty](https://venture.cc/blockparty).
- ▶ **Consider holding the block party** in someone's backyard, a common room, on your street/cul-de-sac\*, or in a park\*.

\*Because these locations are on public lands, an application or permit may be required.



### MAKING YOUR BLOCK PARTY HAPPEN

- ▶ Distribute a flyer with the date, time, and any additional party details **three weeks** before the block party.
- ▶ Keep in mind **who lives in the neighborhood** when setting the hours for the party.
- ▶ Setting up a guest book at the block party can help **develop a contact list** for the neighborhood.
- ▶ **Make decisions** about the set up for food, games, and other activities.
- ▶ Pick up your banners, name tags, and reserved additional resources. These can be picked up during the **week leading up to** your Block Party.
- ▶ Act as a greeter at the event and **introduce** new neighbors.