



# ROCK THE BLOCK 16

## **ORGANIZE A NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY TO PROMOTE SAFETY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

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

Block parties are a great way to promote friendly relationships that help fight crime, and are supportive in the event of a natural or man-made disaster, such as an earthquake.

***PLAN YOUR BLOCK PARTY TODAY!  
NCVV's 2016 BLOCK PARTY SEASON IS  
SEPTEMBER 15 – NOVEMBER 15***

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# HOW TO PLAN A NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY

*The idea of a neighborhood block party is to bring neighbors together. It's a good idea to find 1 or 2 neighbors to help you with the event.*

- Pick a date and time when your neighbors can join the fun. Designate an organizer(s). Create a flyer that tells everyone where to be and what to bring
- Invite and encourage all your neighbors to participate. Use natural neighborhood boundaries where possible (e.g. end of the block or street)
- Make the event fun for everyone. Have food and water or soft drinks – “pot luck” meals give all your neighbors a chance to show off their cooking skills and allow everyone to share in the expense of the event
- A weekend date or holiday is often the best time for the event. The location should be safe for everyone, *especially children*
- Try to hold the event during daylight hours to improve safety. Institute a bathroom “policy” so that everyone uses their own home
- Decide if pets are allowed and be sure to protect both pets and their owners
- ***Let NCVV know when you are hosting your party – we will send a representative to answer questions about Neighborhood Watch***
- *NCVV will give provide giveaways.* Everyone who signs up for NCVV’s mail list and Neighborhood Watch program will be entered into a drawing for free fire extinguishers. NCVV can also provide you with materials about public safety and emergency preparedness to give to your neighbors
- HAVE FUN - - these events usually become annual gatherings that keep neighbors close and in touch

*Once your date and time is set and your party is organized, let NCVV know.  
And don't forget to send us pictures after your party  
so that we can add them to our NCVV website!*

**Feel free to call NCVV and ask for help – email us at [info@myvalleyvillage.com](mailto:info@myvalleyvillage.com) or call 818-759-8204**