# Throw a Party on Your Block

The Village of South Holland encourages all residents to join us in a celebration of community by helping to host neighborhood block parties. Block parties provide a special opportunity to meet new neighbors, renew old acquaintances, and just have plain old-fashioned fun. It only takes one or two enthusiastic people to set the wheels in motion for this fun and exciting event.

## How Do I Get Started?

**PICK A DATE.** Make sure it's convenient for the majority of your neighbors. Recruit someone to draw up a creative flyer and use neighborhood kids to distribute them door-to-door.

**KEEP IT SIMPLE.** You can have everyone bring their own "grillables," drinks, side dishes and utensils. Everyone can also bring a dessert for a "sweet table." Another idea is to set a fee and purchase food items as a group. Whatever you do, make it simple enough so no one feels uneasy about coming.

#### What About Entertainment?

MAKE IT FUN. The sky's the limit here. Just keep in mind the number of people, various ages, and the space where the party will be held. Plan a variety of activities that will get everyone involved, providing opportunities to get to know each other, to laugh and to have some fun. Some of you might want to consider planning extra-special events such as clowns, face painting or having police or fire vehicles stop by – things that always appeal to kids.

# Here's How We Can Help

Subject to availability, the Village can provide:

- Road blocks for your street to prevent cars from interrupting your party.
- A limited number of picnic tables.
- Fire Trucks, Police Cars, or Emergency Vehicles for children's viewing.

All of these items are available free of charge while supplies last. The Village cannot guarantee the availability of these items and recommends that you make your request as early as possible. Distribution will be on a first-come, first-served basis, always subject to availability.

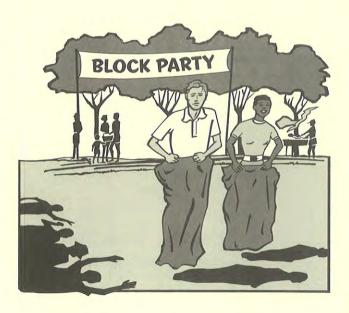
To get started, fill out the Block Party Request Form included on this brochure. The Village will make all the arrangements with the parks, police, fire and public works departments and contact you with details on availability.

### **Need Further Incentive?**

Key organizers of block parties will get a complimentary "Growing Community" hat or T-Shirt!

# Questions?

Call the Communications Department at (708) 210-2918.





Dear Residents:

The Village of South Holland is a community with deep roots, strong traditions and a promising future. We can all be proud of a Village that has maintained the strong family values and pride of community that South Holland is known for.

In our efforts to keep South Holland in the forefront of "Growing a Quality Community," I am encouraging all residents to come together to renew friendships, meet neighbors, and enjoy themselves by holding block parties in their neighborhoods, getting together and enjoying each other's company.

Our South Holland resident neighbors who have been participating in Neighborhood Groups have testified that gathering together becomes a neighborhood tradition that will bring years of memories and friendship to last a lifetime.

In community spirit, your Mayor

In V. a Gray

Don A. De Graff

# Block Party Request Form

Please provide the following information so that the Village can help to make your block party a success.

Name
Address
Day Phone
Work Phone
Fax No
Email
Date of Block Party
Location of Block Party
Time of Block Party
How many people do you expect
Would you like the Village to provide:
<ul><li>□ Road Blocks</li><li>□ Police Car for children's viewing</li></ul>
☐ Fire/Emergency vehicle for children's viewing ☐ Picnic Tables
Is there a Neighborhood Association

Please note that all items are subject to availability