



BNN Block Activity Ideas

Get Acquainted – At your first meeting, allow lots of time for neighbors to be introduced and say hello to one another. You can suggest

- sharing basic contact info in a Neighborhood Directory
- ideas for another meetup or Block Party
- invite a few neighbors to join you as block leads to help with event invites and coordination
- BNN leaders are happy to send a representative to your meeting to share resources for developing your block!

Block Leads – Block Leads are important as they create our Burlingame community and bring value to our neighborhoods. Block Leads help implement ideas for get-togethers, or drill participation.

Block Party – A Block Party can be simple (bring your chair and beverage) or a more elaborate BBQ or potluck.

Summer Barbecue – Make it an easy potluck, or have families bring their own picnics. You can set up bbq's, or even collect money to provide items such as hot dogs or ice cream treats; or hire a food truck.

Participate in National Night Out on the first Tuesday in August – Host a simple visit from 6 to 9 p.m., when neighborhoods across the country turn on porch lights and spend the evening with neighbors in the spirit of crime-prevention (sponsored by Burlingame Police Dept). Maybe lemonade, or set out some wine for an easy tasting!

Block Day Trip, or Camp Trip – This can make a great annual tradition that build relationships with your neighbors! Hiking, kayaking, camping, or sports, art or musical events are fun to share.

Here are a few fun gathering ideas to keep your block connected:

- **Ice Cream Social**
- **Evening Wine & Cheese**
- **Food Truck visit**
- **Outdoor Fire Pit & Hot Chocolate**
- **Outdoor Popcorn & Movie Night**
- **Music Night (featuring neighborhood talent)**
- **Halloween Costume Contest**
- **Holiday Casual, Treats & Hot Cider**
- **Holiday Cookie Exchange**

Disaster Response Drill – BNN holds a once-a-year drill which shows neighbors how to organize and respond to an emergency. Usually held in October, check for drill dates at BurlingameNetwork.org

Block Group Meeting – Discuss any safety issues, or invite a speaker;

- CCFD to talk about fire prevention
- Burlingame Police to present crime watch and security tips
- PG&E to demonstrate gas shutoff procedures.

Block Garage Sale – Invite neighbors to hold a garage sale on the same day so you can share signage and attract more shoppers.

Create a Directory – Some neighborhoods like to create a Block Directory to share contact info, for use in case of emergency.

It's simple: Invite households to supply basic contact info, via a flyer, or during a block event.

BNN Flyers – BNN's website Resources for Block Groups includes sample flyers you can copy or edit, to help announce your event!